

STATEMENT OF VIET NAM By H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, PR

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report of Cambodia

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Mr. Vice President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia led by H.E., Mr. Mak Sambath, Vice Chair of the National Human Rights Committee. Viet Nam congratulates Cambodia on her recent achievements illustrated in the report. In particular, Viet Nam highly appreciates the positive developments such as the recent fair election, as well as progresses made in the fields of land rights, anti-corruption, legal and judicial reform, freedom of expression, and better assurance of economic, social and cultural rights.

Mr. President,

Plausible are efforts of the Cambodian government in identifying and setting strategies to overcome challenges to the protection and promotion of human rights. Conducting successfully these strategies, Cambodia will be able to provide better conditions for the full enjoyments of rights of all people, especially members of vulnerable groups. Viet Nam also looks forward to even more effective international cooperation by and with Cambodia in the field of human rights.

With that in mind, Viet Nam would like to put forward the following recommendations to Cambodia:

- 1. Boost activities and strategies aimed at the achieving all MDGs, especially those related to rights to education and health care and rights of the vulnerable groups;
- 2. Strengthen human rights cooperation and dialogue, including that through the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and with the relevant UN Human Rights bodies and mechanisms.

As a close neighbor and a member of the ASEAN family, Viet Nam wishes Cambodia the best of success.

I thank you./.