



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**

**By H.E. Ambassador/ Permanent Representative Thanh T. Nguyen**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR of Cyprus at the  
18th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council  
(9:00-12:30, Tuesday, February 04, 2014)

*Mr. President,*

My Vietnamese delegation welcomes the Cyprus' delegation and thanks H.E Ms. Leda Koursoumba for her succinct presentation of the country's comprehensive report.

Viet Nam commends Cyprus for her tireless efforts, concrete steps and measures taken to implement the accepted recommendations from her last UPR review.

We congratulate Cyprus on encouraging achievements to enhance the enjoyment of human rights for her people in various areas, including of legislative reform, national monitoring mechanism for human rights, supports to religious minority groups and anti-human trafficking.

*Mr. President,*

Despite the current economic constraints, Cyprus' determination and commitment to the UPR process is so commendable.

Taking this opportunity, Viet Nam wishes to make two recommendations to Cyprus:

1. Intensify efforts to further raise public awareness and education on human rights and further strengthen capacity building for human rights institutions and law enforcement mechanisms; and

2. Continue the current momentum, national action plans and programmes for effectively addressing challenges and disparities in health care, education, employment, gender equality and social welfare, especially for vulnerable groups of women, children, the elderly and persons with difficulties in the country.

Viet Nam wishes Cyprus every success in her implementation of the second UPR cycle.

Je vous remercie M. Le President./.