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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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

During the 2nd UPR of the New Zealand at the
18th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council
(9:00-12:30, Monday, January 27, 2014)

Mr. President,

First, very warm congratulations to H.E. Mr. Baudelaire Ndong Ella for your election as the President of the Council.

We extend our very good morning to the New Zealand delegation and thank her Honorable Judith Collins for her succinct presentation of the country's report with wide range of participation of stakeholders and civil society in the country.

Viet Nam takes note of the New Zealand's continued efforts and the commendable achievements on human rights, including those on legislation reform, national institutions on human rights, further participation in protocols and conventions on the rights for children, person with disabilities, indigenous Maori and Pacific people.

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to make two following recommendations to New Zealand:

1. Further enhance the legislation and legal system, with more considerations to the harmonization of domestic developments and the international stipulations on human rights, including those of the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic Social and Cultural Rights.

2. Step up the implementation of current national plans for addressing the challenges and disparities in health, education, employment and gender equality, especially for vulnerable groups of women, children, migrants, ethnic and indigenous people in the country.

Thank you Mr. President.