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**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**

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

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR of Uruguay at the  
18th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council  
(9:00-12:30, Wednesday, January 29, 2014)

*Mr. President,*

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and thanks H.E Minister Guerrero for updating the sustained efforts of Uruguay for enhancing the enjoyment of human rights for her people.

Viet Nam takes notes of Uruguay's engagement and commitments to UPR process and congratulates her for the encouraging achievements on human rights, including the establishment of National Human Rights Institute, accession to UNESCO Convention against discrimination, gender equality, health care, poverty reduction and trafficking in persons.

In the Council, Viet Nam commends Uruguay for the active roles and contributions to the constructive dialogues and cooperation among States during Uruguay's presidency.

*Mr. President,*

Given UPR an evolving process and current challenges facing Uruguay, Viet Nam wishes to make two recommendations:

1. Set priorities and adequate resources for the implementation of Uruguay's [40] voluntary pledges and commitments as stated in her Review Report.

2. Continue incorporating the ratified human rights treaties into national legislation and institutions, with more focus on administration of justice, disparities reduction, employment for the youth, adequate housing and social welfare.

Thank you Mr. President./.