



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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

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

Mr. Vice President,

Joining other Asian delegations, Viet Nam warmly welcomes Vanuatu's delegation and thanks Madam [Jenny] Tevi for updating us with the serious efforts of Vanuatu in further improving the human rights situation in the South Pacific country.

Viet Nam takes note of Vanuatu's serious commitment to the UPR process and her every effort in implementing the accepted recommendations in the previous UPR cycle.

Viet Nam commends Vanuatu for the encouraging achievements on legislative reform, establishment of the [interim] national human rights institute and adoptions of concrete measures for improve the education, health care and people representation, as well as the decision making mechanisms for women 's participation.

As challenges remains, we urge the international community to continue technical assistance and cooperation to facilitate Vanuatu's on-going UPR process.

Mr. Vice President,

Taking this opportunity, we wish to make two recommendations:

1. Enhance technical cooperation with and seek support from UN human rights mechanisms for further consideration of ratification of important documents on human rights, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

2. Continue her current momentum and efforts on democracy, good governance, legislative reform and capacity building for national human rights mechanisms, with more focus on employment for youth, education, health care, social welfare and preparedness and resilient in response to climate change.

Viet Nam wishes Vanuatu every success in her second UPR cycle.

As Viet Nam's Lunar New Year TẾT is coming, we wish you the best of health and prosperity and look forward to working closely with each and every member of the Human Rights Council.

Thank you Mr. Vice President./.