

## EMBASSY AND PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

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Mr. President

My delegation cordially welcomes the distinguished delegation of Viet-Nam to the 18th Session of the UPR working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report. Afghanistan would like to commend the Government of Viet Nam for its efforts to improve the general human rights situation in the country.

Afghanistan takes note of all the positive measures taken by the government of Viet Nam for the protection and promotion of human rights such as; making the international cooperation on human rights as a priority for the Government, contribution to the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Right (AICHR) and Viet Nam's strong commitment to working together with UN bodies to enhance cooperation in the fight against child-related sexual criminals in the region.

Afghanistan acknowledges the considerable progress made by the Government of Viet Nam in expanding the infrastructures of education for people of different age groups. We believes education is the fundamental need for all, therefore we would like to **recommend** Viet Nam to further expand its efforts in providing all its citizens access to schools and ensure equal enjoyment of the right to education, and increase the bilingual education programs

Thanks

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