

Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to H.E. Mr. Ha Kim Ngoc, Deputy Foreign Minister and his delegation to this session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We commend the Government of Vietnam for adopting new legislations and reforming its existing domestic legislations such as the Laws against Human Trafficking, People with Disabilities, Elderly and on Legal Information Dissemination and Education during the period under review. This clearly shows its commitments and seriousness to reinforce legal foundation for human rights.

We also applaud Viet Nam for achieving the MDGs relating to hunger alleviation and poverty reduction; malaria prevention and control and universal primary education. These achievements by a developing country demonstrate success in its policies.

We have two recommendations for consideration by Vietnam:

1. Continue its efforts to reduce the inequality in education particularly the quality gap between education in the urban and rural areas.
2. To raise awareness among its people of the laws and regulations so as to exercise their rights effectively and adequately.

We wish the delegation of Vietnam a successful review process.

I thank you, Mr. President