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Review of Vietnam

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Mr. President,

A warm welcome to the delegation of Vietnam, and we wish it a successful and constructive UPR session.

Since the last review, Vietnam has achieved significant progress on the level of most of the MDGs, undertaken vast legislative and constitutional reforms, supported growing human rights education and training activities.

We support the Government in its pursuit to overcome the challenges facing it in ensuring further protection and promotion of human rights; and in this regard we invite the delegation to kindly share with the Council the vision and plans aimed at translating the country's remarkable macroeconomic performance into enhanced measures of social justice and human development.

Egypt recommends the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Vietnam:

- 1- To consider ratifying the International Convention on the rights of Migrant Workers.
- 2- To continue using its sovereign right to apply death penalty as a tool of criminal justice in accordance with the proper safeguards specified under international human rights law.
- 3- To provide, in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law instruments, effective protection for the family as the fundamental and natural unit of society.
- 4- To continue supporting human rights education at all levels of education system through the appropriate measures and content.

I thank you.