

In the name of God the compassionate, the merciful

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Viet Nam headed by H.E Mr. Ha Kim Ngoc, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and thank them for delivering an update report on the situation of human rights in the country as well as presenting a comprehensive national report.

We also commend the government of Viet Nam for several constructive steps taken for the promotion and protection of human rights of its people since the first cycle of its UPR, mostly on education policies, protecting the rights of person with disability and the rights of the child.

Mr. President,

We would like to make the following recommendations to Viet Nam for its consideration:

1- To improve its efforts on educational reform towards a comprehensive education policy, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, including children, person with disabilities and minorities.

2- To develop appropriate policies and measures to effectively support ethnic minorities so as to enable them to benefit from the socio-economic development process of the country,

3- To continue its appropriate measures to ensure the realization of socio-economic rights of its people and to provide adequate resources for vulnerable groups facing with economic challenges.

Mr. President,

In concluding, my delegation recommends that the working group adopt the report of the UPR of Viet Nam.

Thank you.