



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes and thanks the delegation of the Republic of Yemen for its detailed and informative presentation. We congratulate Yemen for the recent positive developments, particularly in the processes of settlement of political disputes and effective reconciliation among communities as a result of the peaceful and constructive approach adopted by the government and other stakeholders.

We also commend Yemen's tireless efforts in protecting and promoting human rights as seen in maintaining security and stability, transitional justice, further institutionalization of national human rights mechanisms, and better delivered services of social welfare, education and public health. Also encouraging is Yemen's commitment to protect the rights of vulnerable groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities, marginalized persons and refugees.

In view of the challenges facing Yemen, Viet Nam wishes to have recommendations:

1. Further secure girls' access to education, particularly in rural areas; as well as facilitate women's participation in the political, economic and social processes;
2. Boost the process of adopting and implementing strategies and projects to combat poverty; and
3. Accelerate the drafting, adopting and implementing laws to determine the age of marriage so as do away with underage marriage.

I thank you./.