

STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

By H.E. Ambassador PHAM Quoc Tru, Deputy Permanent Representative

During the 2nd UPR of Albania at the 19th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council (14:30-18:00, Monday, April 28, 2014)

Madam Vice President,

My delegation welcomes and thanks delegation of Albania for the detailed presentation of the country's report with updates on human rights promotion and protection situation in Albania since the first UPR cycle.

Viet Nam takes note of Albania's continued efforts and encouraging achievements on human rights in the country, including legislation reform since the Parliamentary elections in June 2013, capacity building for national institutions on human rights and further participation to core international and European protocols and conventions on human rights.

Madam Vice President,

Given UPR is a continual process and challenges facing Albania, my delegation wishes to present 02 following recommendations:

- 1. To further improve national institutions and human rights infrastructure, including the harmonization of domestic legislation and legal system with the international and EU's instruments on persons with disabilities, rights of the child, the prevention of domestic violence and traffic of persons.
- 2. To give priorities and to allocate resources for implementing current national strategies, programmes and measures, with more focus on addressing the challenges and disparities in employment, education and health care, especially for vulnerable groups of women, children, migrants and the elderly.

I thank you./