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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trung Thanh, Ambassador, Permanent Representative

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report of Brunei Darussalam
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam led by H.E. Mr. Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. Viet Nam congratulates Brunei on her recent accomplishments in the field of human rights, as illustrated in the report. Particularly, Viet Nam highly appreciates the adoption and implementation of the Brunei Vision 2035, of which important elements of human rights are constitutive. We strongly believe that, with the people being ^{at the center} ~~both the dynamic and the objective~~, the Vision will ^{further reinforce} ~~establish~~ a ^{sustainable} solid foundation for the protection and promotion of human rights in the country in coming decades.

Commendable also are efforts of Brunei in exerting its international and regional cooperation commitments. The participation and contribution of Brunei has always been indispensable in ASEAN human rights cooperation, most evidently in the work of the ASEAN Intergovernment Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). With respect to Brunei's commitments at its 1st UPR cycle, Viet Nam finds it greatly encouraging that our recommendations, concerning rights of women and children and experience sharing on education and health care services, have been supported and effectively implemented by the Government of Brunei.

With strong confidence on our fellow ASEAN member, and to continue our focus on rights of vulnerable groups and living standards of people in human rights cooperation with the country, Viet Nam would like ^{to} recommend Brunei:

1. Continue efforts to promote economic growth through its national development plans and ensure greater work opportunities for its youths and women;

2. Further enhance national mechanism and invest more resources in improving the well-being of the people, including through adequate provision of housing.

As a member of the ASEAN family, Viet Nam wishes Brunei Darussalam the best of success.

I thank you./.