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**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
**By H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative**  
**At the Review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle UPR Report of Costa Rica**

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*Mr. President,*

Viet Nam welcomes Costa Rica to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of UPR. We commend Costa Rica's endeavors in protecting and promoting human rights, especially the achievements in ensuring the rights of vulnerable groups, poverty alleviation and improvement of social services.

Firm commitments and recent steps taken by the Government of Costa Rica in tackling human trafficking, in addressing unemployment and child labour, and in providing adequate housing, safe water, are outstanding. As challenges in these areas remain, we wish that the momentum created by both the pledges and effective action by Costa Rica could be maintained and strengthened.

Viet Nam also highly appreciates the active participation and contribution of Costa Rica to the work of Human Rights Council, promoting constructive dialogue and cooperation in this important UN organ.

With strong belief in Costa Rica's commitments to human rights protection and promotion, Viet Nam would like to make following recommendations:

1. Introduce effective policies with more resources to reduce the drop-out rate at all school levels;
2. And accordingly, ensure the integration and effective implementation of strategies on drop-out rate reduction, child labour elimination and poverty alleviation.

Viet Nam wishes the Costa Rica every success in this 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR circle.

I thank you./.