



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM
H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report the State of Qatar
(Wednesday, May 7, 2014)

Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes the delegation of the State of Qatar and its detailed and informative presentation to the Council today. We commend the commitments and actions taken by Qatar in protecting and promoting human rights. Recent institutional and practical measures addressing human trafficking, protecting rights of persons under legal processes, including through torture prevention, and further improving health care and education services, etc. are outstanding.

We hope progresses made in these areas will be sustained and strengthened. *In this regard, we would like to make the 1st recommendation that Qatar organise more human rights education activities for staff of public services, particularly law enforcement officers.*

Viet Nam also welcomes steps taken by Qatar to consider the possibilities of further accession to international legal instruments on human rights. We believe that being member to more international treaties in this area would not only strongly confirm Qatar's commitments and efforts, but also pave the way for Qatar's contribution to international cooperation in protecting and promoting human rights. *Viet Nam highly appreciates the formation of a committee within the Government of Qatar to consider accession to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In that connection, Viet Nam would like to make the 2nd recommendation that Qatar equip this Committee with adequate power and resources so that the consideration process can accelerate and result in practical outcome.*

We wish Qatar every success in the 2nd UPR cycle.