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**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
**By Mrs VU Thi Mai Lien, Second Secretary**

At the Review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle UPR Report of Islamic Republic of Iran  
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*Mr. President,*

Viet Nam would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of UPR and thank her for the comprehensive UPR report as well as her presentation before the Working Group today.

Viet Nam notes that the Government of Iran has been making efforts since its first UPR cycle in 2010 in the protection of and promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms, especially the enactment of new laws and policies, the establishment of new mechanisms in protection of rights of children, rights and status of women, assistance for ethnic groups and religious minorities and monitoring department on courts activities. In this regard, Viet Nam welcomes the adoption of the Fifth Development Plan, General Health, Population Policies which will contribute to increase economic development, health care and services to rural population and improve country's performance in other areas.

*Mr President,*

With strong belief on Iran's further steps to protect and promote human rights with focus on the rights of vulnerable groups, Viet Nam would like to make to Iran the following recommendations:

1. Continue to review current national legislation in order to bring Iran's legislation into line with international human rights treaties to which Iran is party;
2. Enhance efforts to further promote economic and social rights as well as rights of vulnerable groups including particularly women, children and people with disabilities;
3. Consider greater interaction and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms.

Viet Nam wishes Iran every success in this 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR cycle.

I thank you Mr President./.