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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report of Iraq

(Monday, 3rd November, 2014)

Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes Iraq to the 2nd cycle of UPR. We take note of the Iraq's efforts made in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country, especially those made in the enactment of new laws, the establishment of the national human rights plan, the promotion of the rights of priority groups and the prevention of human rights violation particularly by extremist groups.

Firm commitments and recent steps taken by the Government of Iraq in tackling terrorism, in addressing all forms of violence, and in providing adequate housing, food, education, are outstanding. As challenges in these areas remain, we wish that the momentum created by both the pledges and effective action by Iraq could be maintained and strengthened.

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

1. Further strengthen efforts in the area of development especially, concerning the enrolment at all levels of education, the realization of the right to food.

2. Undertake additional measures to protect rights of women and children.

Viet Nam wishes Iraq every success in this 2nd UPR cycle.

I thank you./.