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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

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

(Wednesday, May 6, 2015)

Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes and thanks the delegation of Maldives for its presentation. We commend endeavors undertaken by Maldives in protecting and promoting human rights, including further institutionalization of national human rights mechanisms, strengthening the domestic legal frame work, and becoming a Party to more international legal instruments on human rights. Remarkable also are the progresses that Maldives made in the areas of education, adequate housing, health care or access to justice and in the areas of women's rights and rights of the child. My delegation also takes good note of Maldives's efforts in identifying and tackling challenges ahead.

With that, Viet Nam wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Take further steps to protect and promote economic, social and cultural rights, in the context of climate change.
2. Continue to further promote gender equality in the country, in particularly through education and capacity building activities.

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

I thank you./.