

**Statement of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

 *45th Session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Belize*

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*Mister Vice-President,*

Viet Nam welcomes and thanks the delegation of Belize for the presentation of their national UPR report.

We acknowledge Belize’s efforts to implement our recommendations from the Third Cycle, including the fulfilment of Belize’s pending human rights treaty obligation and the launching of its National Climate change policies, strategies, plans and systems. We also took note of Belize’s development progress that ensures equitable access to essential services such as education and healthcare through the passing of the #PlanBelize Medium Term Development Strategy.

In a spirit of constructive dialogue and continuation from the previous UPR Cycle, Viet Nam makes two recommendations to Belize:

1. First, take steps to ensure the socio-economic rights of its vulnerable groups are being protected and guaranteed in the fight against rising risks from poverty, inequality and climate change.

2. Second, continue its efforts to finalize and establish its Inter-Institutional Review Committee for the coordination and preparation of all national reports to the UN international mechanism, as well as the implementation of human rights treaty obligations.

In conclusion, Viet Nam wishes Belize every success with this UPR cycle.

*Thank you, Mister Vice-President./.*

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