**46TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF VIET NAM**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. President / Vice President.

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam, a fellow ASEAN Member State, to Geneva, and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We recognise that the accelerating expansion in uses of computer technology and the increasing demand for information have triggered rapid diffusion of infocommunications. Therefore, continuous improvement and modernisation in the public service is inevitable and necessary.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam is pleased to note that Viet Nam had issued the Master Plan 2021 – 2030 for administrative reforms, towards a modern and effective public service delivery with a focus on e-Government and digital transformation.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we propose two recommendations:

1. Engage in international cooperation and share experience on the protection of human rights in the context of digital transformation; and
2. Continue to take measures to bridge the technical gaps in access to information and the media among urban and rural areas.

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. President / Vice President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Viet Nam a successful review.

Thank you.

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