

**CLOSING REMARKS BY H.E. MR. DO HUNG VIET,**

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***At the review of Viet Nam’s National Report***

***at the 46th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review***

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*Mr. President,*

I wish to thank you all for your active, candid, and constructive engagement this morning.

My Delegation has made every effort to address most of the questions and observations, in the spirit of openness, with humility and respect. Due to time constraints, some questions or issues may not have been adequately addressed.

But I can assure that all statements have been duly taken note of and all recommendations will be carefully studied and officially responded to before the 57th Session of the Council.

Having heard all 134 statements, with several hundred recommendations, my observation is that the opinions and recommendations addressed to us are as diverse as the UN membership itself.

It shows that every country, with their unique history, culture and socio-economic development path, has different interests and concerns.

It reminds us that while human rights values are universal, diversity and particularities must be respected and that there is no single model applicable to all countries in their pursuit of human rights in the best interests of their people.

*Mr. President,*

Viet Nam’s determination and sacrifices in the decades-long struggles for national independence and reunification had no purpose other than to ensure that all Vietnamese could fully enjoy all human rights.

 These ultimate goals have driven Viet Nam to rebuild and emerge from the ashes of wars and embargoes in just over four decades to become a vibrant and dynamic Viet Nam as we see today.

With a population of over 100 million, and a GDP of over 400 billion USD, Viet Nam has diplomatic relations with 193 countries, 30 of whom are our comprehensive or strategic partners, including all P5 and G7 members.

The country is an active and responsible member of ASEAN, the United Nations, and a host of other international organizations. We are a member of the Human Rights Council and an elected member of UN-Women Executive Board.

We have built a cohesive and harmonious society where 54 ethnic groups live together as a big family, and numerous religions coexist in peace, solidarity, and mutual support.

We are confident to continue on the chosen path to building a strong, democratic, just and civilized society, where every Vietnamese can thrive, and where the people are placed at the centre of every aspect of sustainable and inclusive development.

*Mr. President,*

My delegation is grateful to you for your effective and balanced stewardship today.

We are also grateful to the Secretariat, technical and security staff and the interpreters for their hard work and professionalism.

My delegation looks forward to working effectively with the Troika and the Secretariat in the coming days before the adoption meeting.

Let me conclude, Mr. President, by reiterating the Government of Viet Nam’s commitment and determination to work closely with all stakeholders and partners in the UPR process.

I thank you./.