**Statement of Viet Nam**

**At the Review of the 3nd cycle UPR Report of Vanuatu***(Thursday, January 24, 2019)*

*Mr. President,*

Viet Nam welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu to the 3rd UPR review. We congratulate Vanuatu on its efforts and achievements in the promotion of human rights since the second UPR review and thank Vanuatu for its comprehensive national report.

Viet Nam commends Vanuatu on its sustained commitments to the advancement of the rights of women, children and efforts in combating the effect of climate change. We are encouraged to see the close collaboration of Vanuatu and related UN human rights mechanisms to explore further ratification of important documents on human rights, including the ICESCR.

Viet Nam would like to put forward the following recommendations:

* Further promote access to basic health services especially in the rural areas with the aim towards achieving universal health coverage.
* Continue to advance efforts in response to the effects of climate change with focus on vulnerable groups, including women and children.

Viet Nam wishes Vanuatu a successful UPR review.

I thank you./.