



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

At the Review of the 2nd cycle UPR Report of Dominican Republic

(Wednesday, February 5, 2014)

Mr. President,

Viet Nam welcomes and thanks the delegation of Dominican Republic for its presentation. We commend Dominican Republic's endeavors in protecting and promoting human rights, including further institutionalizing of national human rights mechanisms, strengthening the domestic legal frameworks, and becoming a Party to more international laws on human rights. In this regard, Viet Nam welcomes the accession of Dominican Republic to the CAT during this 2nd cycle of UPR. Plausible also are the commitments exhibited and actions taken by the Government of Dominican Republic in tackling racial discrimination and human trafficking, and in protecting vulnerable groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

For the kind consideration of the Government of Dominican Republic, Viet Nam wishes to have the following recommendations:

1. Establish and implement strategies to achieve all MDGs by 2015, especially goals related to rights of women and children;
2. Take further steps to combat racial discrimination and human trafficking.

I thank you./.