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Statement by India

Mr. President,

We welcome H.E., the Minister..... of Vietnam and thank him for his presentation of the Outcome Report of the UPR of Vietnam. We are pleased to observe that Vietnam attaches importance to the UPR process, and regards it as a United Nations member's obligation and an opportunity for comprehensive and participatory review of its human rights achievements and future measures. We are also heartened by the fact that Vietnam has chosen to accept a majority of the recommendations that were made during its UPR process.

Mr. President,

As a diverse and pluralistic society, India appreciates greatly the fact that Vietnam has been able to achieve remarkable socio-economic development while maintaining harmony in its multi-ethnic society. This has been made possible despite Vietnam's dense population, resource constraints and tumultuous periods in its history. Vietnam's progress is exemplified by its achievement of the MDGs on poverty reduction and the universalisation of primary education, ahead of schedule. It has also made a commendable progress in the areas of women and child rights. India also appreciates the candour with which Vietnam acknowledges the remaining challenges, especially with regard to income disparities and the urban-rural divide. We are hopeful that Vietnam would continue to pay special attention to the needs of the disadvantaged sections of its population and also continue to preserve the language and culture of the country's ethnic minorities. To conclude, Mr President, we would like to wish Vietnam the very best in its efforts to protect and promote the human rights of its people.

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Thank you Mr. President.