



STATEMENT OF VIET NAM

H.E. Dr. Pham Quoc Tru, Ambassador, Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

at the Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on Human Rights

(Thursday, 05 March, 2015)

Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement of the Group of Like – minded Countries, delivered by His Excellency Ambassador of Egypt. We thank the High Commissioner for his first annual report presented to the Council, which reflects a remarkable contribution to the work of the Council. We fully agree with his statement that “only cooperation can establish real solutions”, and we also appreciate the efforts made by the High Commissioner and other UN human rights mechanisms, in conformity with their respective mandates, on promoting dialogue and cooperation on human rights.

Viet Nam has neither spared any effort along that direction. Together with our firm commitments to respecting for, protecting and promoting human rights of our people, we uphold constructive dialogue and cooperation with other countries, as well as with regional and international organisations. We also support and reinforce effective dialogue and engagement among countries in this Council.

Mr. President,

My delegation believes that it would be challenging for dialogue to be sincere and constructive, and for cooperation to be genuine, if credibility and verifiability of information are not sustained. Therefore, we regret that the High Commissioner, possibly based on unreliable and unverifiable information, has made negative comments in his presentation at the Council today on some questions related to Viet Nam. While there is room for further improvement, our pledges and achievements on human rights have been recognised and encouraged by the international community. Nevertheless, Viet Nam will stay in dialogue and collaboration with the High Commissioner and his Office in seeking for solution for matters of mutual interests, as always.

Mr. President,

In the context of the interactive dialogue today, my delegation would very much appreciate if the High Commissioner could further elaborate on how he would promote continued constructive dialogue and cooperation on human rights among all stakeholders while credibility and verifiability of information has not always been in place.

I thank you, Mr. President.