

**THE STATEMENT OF VIETNAM DELEGATION
AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE:
FROM THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENDA BEYOND 2015**

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*Heads of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Government of Thailand and the Organizing Committee for inviting Viet Nam to the Dialogue – an initiative of the Asia – Pacific Region in coordination with the United Nations to prepare for a period of transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The process of building UN post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals has started in 2012. Organization of the Dialogue at this moment has brought about an opportunity to countries of the Asia – Pacific Region to share and confirm their wish towards this important initiative of the United Nations. I strongly believe that all the contents which are discussed during today are of great importance and will make a positive contribution to completing an Agenda which is appropriate to the member states of the UN in general and countries of the Asia – Pacific Region in particular.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In the process of building up and implementing 10 year Socio – Economic Development Strategy, 5 year Socio – Economic Development Plan as well as annually, the Government of Viet Nam has always paid great attention to sustainable development, macro economic stabilization and secure social benefits. Thanks to the efforts made by the Government in setting up policies, development directions and the huge support of the international community, by the end of 2012, Viet Nam has completed most of Millennium Development Goals that were committed before the international community. On national level, many targets set for 2015 were achieved or over achieved in 2008. However, it is necessary to have more efforts to ensure the achievement of preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and environmental sustainability.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Viet Nam is determined to fulfill its commitments in achieving Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals, though facing no less of challenges. In comparison with the moment when MDGs were set up, the world and Viet Nam are coping up with many new challenges as follows:

- + More seriously climate change which is affecting the implementation of MDGs;
- + More difficulties in building and implementing Green Development Strategy with a view to concretizing SDGs and decreasing green house emission;
- + Bigger inequality between countries.

Particularly, climate change tends to become clearer and to have more severe impacts on economic activities and people's lives. Viet Nam is one of the most vulnerable countries to the impacts of climate change, there are many reasons to worry that the climate change will increase the vulnerability of one part of Vietnamese population and is an important cause of being poor again.

In the spirit of not stopping by 2015, Viet Nam is actively cooperating with the UN in preparing the post 2015 National Development Agenda. Especially, as many countries in the world, Viet Nam will concentrate on the following contents:

- + To maintain and improve results achieved in the fields of hunger elimination, poverty reduction, social equality, HIV...

- + To implement the Green Development Strategy by reconstructing economy with the effective use of natural resources, aiming at decreasing green house emission, increasing competitiveness of the economy, thus, accelerating economic growth, eliminating hunger and reducing poverty.

- + To actively deal with climate change.

Regarding to the Post - 2015 Development Agenda, Viet Nam would like the UN to develop the fundamental of MDGs, continue the implementation of MDGs for those countries which have yet fulfill the commitments, ensuring that Post – 2015 Agenda will be comprehensively set up and applied for all countries, thought with adjustments to the situation of each country, taking into account different ongoing processes such as High level Polical Forum, initiatives of the UN General Secretary, consultations of UNDG Groups.

Besides, attention should be paid to means of implementation, including:

- + Establishing financial resources for the implementation of goals of the Post – 2015 Development Agenda;

- + Building mechanism of transferring clean and advanced technology to developing countries.

- + Building mechanism of South – South cooperation in exchanging experience and transferring technology;

These contents should be studied from the beginning period of setting up the post – 2015 Development Agenda.

In the process of establishing the Post – 2015 Agenda, all the member states of the UN should fully and actively participate, thus, confirming the leading and decisive role of all the member states.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Based on its recent development experience, Viet Nam considers that internal resources are of decisive importance, however favourable external enviroment of peace, stability, stable global and regional macro economic conditions, fair trade, financial, technological support and capability building are indispensable factors for susustainable development of each country.

I sincerely thank you for kind attention and wish the Dialogue to be a great success./.