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Letter from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council*

Geneva, 24 March 2009

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organizations and Other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the 10th session of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to kindly request the latter to circulate the attached letter dated 24 March 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council as an official document of the 10th session under the Item 4" Human rights situations that require the Council's attention".

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the 10th session of the Human Rights Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

* Reproduced in the annex, as received and in the language of submission only.

Annex

H.E. Mr. Martin Ihoeghian UHOMOIBHI
President of the Human Rights Council

My delegation commends you and highly appreciates the way that you conduct the deliberation at this 10th Session of the Human Rights Council. The constructive participation in the general debate from States, international organizations and many other concerned organizations from the civil society has made significant contributions to the implementation of our common objective to promote and protect the all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

However, my delegation deeply regrets that the Organizations “Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l’homme” and “Vietnam Committee on Human Rights” deliberately abuses the consultative status in the ECOSOC and makes use of agenda under the item 4 “Human Rights Situations that require the Council’s Attention” to produce slanderous and distorted information about the situation of human rights in Viet Nam. In fact, the statement made by Mr. VO Van Ai, president of the so called “Vietnam Committee on Human Rights”, who has not been living in Viet Nam for over 40 year now, has intentionally ignored great achievements of Viet Nam to protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms of her citizens both in terms of laws and practice. These achievements have been noted and highly appreciated by the international Community, particularly the United Nations Specialized Organizations and States that are having bilateral dialogues with Viet Nam on human rights issues such as the United States, European Union, Australia, Norway, Switzerland... This reality clearly rejects the slanderous and distorted information from Mr. VO Van Ai.

On this occasion, my delegation would like to remind the President not to allow the two above-mentioned organizations to repeat the abuse of this Council again in order to save our valuable time and prestige of the Human Rights Council.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as official document of the 10th Session of the Human Rights Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

VU DUNG
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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