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RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Letter dated 21 April 1999 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed
to the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights

May I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on 9 April 1999 on agenda item 11 by Ambassador Nguyen Thanh Chau, member of the Vietnamese delegation at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, in which he highlighted the report by the Special Rapporteur on religious intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, regarding his mission to Viet Nam (E/CN.4/1999/58/Add.2) and indicated that a detailed response to the report would be provided later.

I am pleased to provide herewith that detailed response*. In our view, it should be read in conjunction with the Special Rapporteur's report referred to above to obtain a fuller and more balanced picture of the religious situation in the country.

It is requested that the response be circulated as a document of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) NGUYEN QUI BINH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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