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Mr. Chairman, **distinguished delegates**, ladies and gentlemen,

After five years of the first VNR, in 2023, Viet Nam will present the second VNR together with 10 other countries in our region.

In fact, the VNR development process has created an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the participation of all stakeholders as well as strengthen the partnership between government and other stakeholders in SDGs implementation in Viet Nam. VNR is also a great chance to enhance the collection and analysis of statistical data for monitoring and evaluating SDGs implementation in Viet Nam.

Viet Nam's VNR 2023 report focuses on assessing the progress of SDGs implementation, reflecting important changes as well as analyzing the progress achieved compared to 2018-the year that we had the first VNR. The report also analyzes policy gaps, difficulties and challenges in SDG implementation and proposes recommendations to promote SDG implementation in Viet Nam for the remaining half way. The report also highlights the role of all stakeholders in SDG implementation in Viet Nam and affirms efforts in completing policies that focus on vulnerable groups during SDG implementation.

The world is facing unprecedented difficulties and challenges, but lessons learned recently show that the consistent pursuit and implementation of the SDGs is the only way for the world to respond to

non-traditional challenges; narrow the gap and toward a sustainable, prosperous society for all.

We will present our VNR report at July this year, We hope at that time can share our experience, promote further cooperation and partnership to accelerate SDG implementation and achievement.

I thank you for your kind attention./.