

Gender Equality and empowerment of women and girls

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Madam chair,

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

The government of Viet Nam fully support the gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. I would like to take this opportunity to share Vietnam experience in gender equality.

Viet Nam has been successful on MDG 3 with all measured indicators being fully achieved. By 2014, there was no significant difference between literacy rate and education attainment across all educational levels between males and females. In higher education (university and colleges), the percentage of male and female lecturers are now close to equal. Ratio of wages (the wage gap) between male and female workers in non-farm sector has been narrowed to 106.7% in 2014.

In Viet Nam, we have the National Strategy on Gender Equality for 2011-2020. We have also developed indicators for gender quality. Gender issue has been mainstreamed into national development plan.

Viet Nam has developed The National Action Plan for the implementation of Agenda 2030 last year. The NAP cover 17 goals, in which the goal 5 has been adjusted as **Achieve gender equality; empower and create enabling opportunities for women and girls**

In order to enhance the gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, we identify some main actions that should be paid attention to as follows:

- Issue policies to strengthen the capacity of female workers, cadres, public servants, civil servants.
- Make increased efforts in overseeing the implementation of the Law on Gender Equality and the National Strategy on Gender Equality, with particular attention given to the mainstreaming of gender equality into normative legal documents.

- Carry out information-communication-advocacy work in order to increase the awareness and change the behaviour of leaders, policy-makers and the entire society with regards to gender equality and the role of women in politics.
- Formulate training programmes on economic development modalities for women, with particular attention paid to training on the application of information providing technologies (policies, laws, new technologies...)
- Provide advanced job training, particularly in 8 sectors/occupations that have the potential labour mobility in the ASEAN region.
- Create enabling conditions for women to access and utilize ICTs:
- Create platform both at national and international to share best practice, lesson learned to promote the participation of women in the economic activities.

Thank you for your attention.