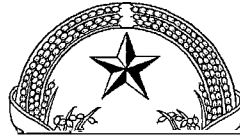


THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM



Madam Chairperson,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor, on behalf of the Vietnamese delegation, to extend my warmest greetings to Mr. / Madam Chairperson and distinguished participants at the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Viet Nam highly appreciates the priority theme of the Session "Elimination and prevention

opportunity for UN member states to look back and review our relevant achievements, and discuss the most effective measures to address violence against women and girls, thus contributing to the successful implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguish

addressing domestic violence in particular and violence against women and girls in general.

The State and Government of Viet Nam have also undertaken numerous measures to address violence against women and girls and to support victims. The recent National Strategy on Gender Equality for the period 2011 – 2020 sets an objective of “ensuring gender equality in family life, and step by step eliminating gender based violence”. One of its projects is to develop models of prevention and

awareness raising on gender equality and gender based violence are also being promoted. Models of communication and provision of health care, counseling, education, vocational training and life skills for women to cope with violence such as “Shelters”, “Clubs for Happy Families”, and “Clubs for Gender Equality, Marriage and Family” are now operating effectively, and receive significant support from international partners and non-government organizations.

At the same time, the National Programme on Child Protection for the

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To overcome such the challenges, the Vietnamese Government and authorities are stepping up measures to raising awareness on law and policies on gender equality and full implementation of CEDAW; enforcing the Law on

and Program on Gender Equality; monitoring the implementation of laws on gender equality and women's advancement; adopting more regulations specifying civil, administrative and criminal liability for discriminating against women; and