

REMARKS BY VIETNAM HEAD OF DELEGATION

Madam President,

Ladies and gentlemen,

We are living in an era where humanity confronts a multitude of profound difficulties and challenges which are derailing the progress towards the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, making it difficult to achieve the planned goals.

This demands countries to enhance their capacity to ensure a peaceful and stable environment, a just society, and strong institutions, especially for nations affected by armed conflicts, inequality, and emerging challenges such as climate change, energy and food security and water shortages. This requires full and meaningful participation from the people and relevant parties, especially by leveraging the roles of legislative and elected bodies.

Vietnam National Assembly appreciates the IPU-147 theme: "Parliamentary action for peace, justice, and strong institutions" which is closely linked to the SDG 16, emphasizing the role and actions of legislative bodies worldwide, and in line with international efforts to realize the 2030 Agenda and the IPU's strategy for peace, cooperation, and sustainable development.

Ladies and gentlemen,

After 37 years of Reform since 1986, Vietnam has achieved significant milestones in sustainable development and poverty reduction, with the implementation of the MDGs and the 2030 Agenda being in the spotlight. With the engagement of the entire political framework, the SDGs are integrated into both national and local development strategies and plans. This includes promoting the rule of law, ensuring equal access to justice, participation for all citizens, and building strong institutions, all of which align with SDG 16.

Vietnam has systematically fortified the legal framework underpinning the nation's comprehensive reform. The focus of this process the legal system and building a socialist rule-of-law state, one governed by and for the people; developing a market-oriented socialist economy, promoting democracy, safeguarding human and civil rights, ensuring national defense and security, and actively participating in international integration.

Vietnam is committed to create a truly just and equitable society, ensuring that no one is left behind, and fostering the participation of all segments of society, including vulnerable groups, in policymaking and social welfare assurance processes.

Vietnam has recorded notable achievements is the promotion of gender equality, the protection of women and children, and combat against gender-based

violence, ensuring the involvement of women and girls in building peace, access to justice, and establishing strong institutions. In additions, we remain proactive in international integration and in the collective efforts of the UN to address issues such as peace, security, the promotion of human rights.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As multifaceted crises are profoundly impacting the lives, livelihoods, security, and safety of all citizens, the imperative for actions to build trust, reinforce institutions, and sustain peace and development has never been more pressing. Therefore the efforts of individual nations alone are insufficient. What is required is effective, transparent support and collaboration among nations and international organizations to uphold the supremacy of international law, especially the UN Charter. It is also essential to amplify the voice and ensure equal participation of developing nations in the global governance system, especially in peace, security, and responding to global challenges.

Vietnam appreciates proactive role played by the IPU and consistently aligns itself with the IPU to foster dialogue, collaboration among members parliaments, fostering connectivity, sharing solutions to contribute to the sustainable global peace. Following the success of IPU-132 held in Vietnam in 2015, themed "Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action," in September recently, the we have successfully partnered with the IPU to host the 9th Global Young Parliamentarians' Conference. For the first time, a declaration was adopted, addressing "*The role of youth in the implementation of SDGs through digital transformation and innovation*". This underscores the determination, consensus, commitment of the National Assembly of Vietnam, parliamentary bodies worldwide, and IPU members in promoting the implementation of SDGs on a global scale.

In order to expedite the realization of SDGs, the Vietnam hopes to receive the collaboration of parliaments and the IPU in following imperative tasks:

First, prioritize SDGs in national target programs, comprehensive socioeconomic development plans, and parliamentary agendas.

Secondly, continue to accelerate the construction and improvement of legal systems, and policies to ensure a comprehensive legal framework and enhance state governance in pursuit of the SDGs; establishing mechanisms for citizen engagement in state and social management, policy monitoring, and reinforcing social feedbacks; increase transparency in receiving and responding the citizens.

Thirdly, promote holistic solutions in economics, politics, and society to ensure stability and security, thereby fostering sustainable development. Enhance the monitoring of budget allocation and spending to ensure the efficient usage of public resources and increased attention to vulnerable groups in society.

Finally, promote unity and enhance cooperation among nations, enabling developing countries to access international financial, technological resources from international organizations and developed nations for the implementation of the SDGs by 2030.

Thank you for your kind attention.