

VIETNAM STATEMENT AT THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

“Theme: Legislation worldwide to combat online sexual child exploitation”

To answer the topic of how parliaments can foster appropriate (national) legislation to protect children against online sexual abuse and can exchange views on best practices on how to improve law enforcement and the use of technology/big data to identify perpetrators of child sexual exploitation, we wish to share with you some information from our perspective:

Viet Nam has promulgated relevant laws to protect children from abuse of all forms such as Law on Child Care and Protection (2004), Children Law (2016), Law on Access to Information (2016), Law on Information Security (2018) and other legal documents to protect children from online exploitation. However, due to the fast-changing environment on the internet, it is important to foster the legislation in this regard.

The National Assembly of Viet Nam has the Committee on Culture, Education, Adolescence and Children to be in charge and cooperate with other committees to deal this matter. There are debates and meetings at committee level which arise concerns and recommendations shared by our National Assembly deputies to protect the children, particularly from online abuse and exploitation.

1. Foster legislation regarding to the protection the sexual child exploitation covering all children from remote to urban areas, requiring comprehensive coordination of all government ministries to assure the safe internet environment for children.

2. Promote international cooperation to mobilize resources, technical and expertise to fight against this issue.

3. Call upon the media agencies to prevent harmful programs for children protection and privacy online.

4. Ensure the accessibility for children to supporting systems to protect their images, private information or provide platforms or measures for children to express their concerns, hopes so that they shall not be easily abused by harmful actors.

5. Enhance the enforcement capacity as well as promote information dissemination, education on children protection against sexual exploitation on Internet at national and local levels.