

REMARKS
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First motion: Achieving sustainable development requires more attention on human well-being and environmental preservation than on economic growth

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I fully concur with the views that sustainable development requires more attention on human well-being and environmental preservation, rather than focuses on economic growth at any expense. This is in line with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. It also shows the balance between economic, social and environmental targets.

For any country, the most genuine and precious resource and asset are humans. Particularly in the era of 4.0 IR and digital economy, everything is greatly dependent on human's creativity. Moreover, socio-economic development, after all, aims to ensure the well-being, freedom, happiness and comprehensive development of the people, and foster equality, solidarity, mutual respect and assistance for development among nations. This constitutes the firm and decisive basis for sustainable development.

In fact, we have witnessed and withdrawn many valuable lessons from the high costs caused by the land, air, and water resources pollution, and by the increasingly devastating natural disasters, climate change and widespread diseases. The COVID-19 sends an wake-up call reminding us all to pay more attention to and increase investment in the public health system, and enhance preparedness to respond to other unpredictable epidemics in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In pursuit of its national development strategies and plans, it is clear that Viet Nam will not trade off the environment and its people's well-being for high economic growth rate. Instead, Viet Nam is striving for the goals of sustainable development, and harmony with nature to safeguard a healthy living environment for its present and future generations.

Viet Nam always places the people at the heart of its socio-economic and cultural development strategies. The people are both the target and driver for reform, particularly, the promotion of education and training, science and technology remain

the most important national policies while environmental protection is a vital task and the target towards sustainable development.

To that end, the National Assembly of Viet Nam has promoted and supervised the implementation of legal documents and policies on economic model transformation towards green economy, enhanced management on natural resources, environmental protection, and climate change adaptation, and promoted recycle and reuse. Amid the rapid and complicated developments in the world, and the pressure resulted from economic growth, and in confrontation of the increasingly severe nontraditional security challenges, Viet Nam has exerted its utmost efforts to improve its policies and laws on environmental protection, enhance resources and state management capability, and advance the development and application of science and technologies,. At the same time, Viet Nam also advocates communication and education on environmental preservation and a quality life for its people.

In such endeavor, Viet Nam looks forward to the cooperation and sharing from other countries and international organizations to ensure that priorities are given to human well-being, environmental preservation and economic development.

Thank you./.