

VIETNAM STATEMENT
H.E. MR. DANG CONG HUAN, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL
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Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to begin by extending my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Chair and the esteemed members of the Presidium on your election to preside over this Conference. The 10th COSP holds great significance, as it coincides with the 20th anniversary of UNCAC, the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument.

I would also like to thank the Government of the United States of America for their invaluable efforts in preparing for this Conference and for the warm welcome extended to all delegations, including Viet Nam, upon our arrival in the beautiful city of Atlanta, known for its temperate climate and beautiful nature.

Mr. Chairman,

I am deeply honored to represent the Vietnamese delegation to share both the remarkable achievements and challenges in Vietnam's anti-corruption efforts over the years.

Since its admission to UNCAC in 2009, fully recognizing the devastating consequences of corruption, Vietnam has accorded the highest priority to anti-corruption initiatives, engaging various sectors of our society in this endeavor. We faithfully adhere to the CoSP Resolution on the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism. Vietnam underwent review in 2011 during the 1st Cycle and again in 2017 during the 2nd Cycle. Vietnamese agencies and experts have diligently and effectively collaborated with international review experts, adhering to an agreed-upon plan. I am pleased to report that Vietnam has successfully completed both review cycles, and our country reports are readily accessible on the UNODC website. Upon the recommendations provided by review experts, with the support

of our valued development partners, tremendous efforts have been made to strengthen our policies and legislation concerning the prevention, detection, and prosecution of corruption.

In the field prevention, Viet Nam has made significant strides by upgrading its legal framework to align with UNCAC requirements. Notable legislative advancements include the 2018 Law on Anti-Corruption, the Law on Denunciations, the Law on Anti-Money Laundering, and a range of other pertinent legal documents and guidelines, particularly the recently adopted National Strategy on Anti-corruption towards 2030 that mandate the promotion of information technology, cashless payments, and digital transformation in public services as new anti-corruption methods.

Turning to the crucial task of detecting and addressing corruption, Vietnam has taken decisive action by intensifying the investigation, prosecution, and trial of corruption cases. Special emphasis has been placed on recovering assets acquired through corrupt means. As a result, Vietnam's asset recovery rate has surged to an impressive 34.7% by 2022, a remarkable leap from the less than 10% recovery rate recorded in 2013.

This outstanding accomplishment underscores Vietnam's unwavering commitment to mitigating the aftermath of corruption cases, thereby reaffirming our dedication to combating corruption and nurturing a fair and transparent business and investment environment. These efforts align seamlessly with our trajectory towards achieving sustainable development goals.

Mr. Chairman,

Addressing cross-border corruption necessitates heightened cooperation and collaboration at both regional and international levels. To date, Vietnam has forged approximately 80 treaties and 20 agreements with various partners and nations to enhance international cooperation in combating corruption and countering transnational organized crimes. We have also played an active role in regional and international forums. At the same time, it should be noted that there is limited progress and success in asset recovery due to prolonged legal process, lack of coordination among countries with different legal traditions, limited resources to effectively pursue asset recovery cases.

Mr. Chairman,

These tireless efforts underscore Vietnam's commitment not only to achieving positive outcomes in enhancing anti-corruption policies and legislation but also to making a substantial contribution to elevating our compliance with the Convention. They also demonstrate that Vietnam is a highly responsible and dedicated member of the Convention.

As we gather at this Conference, we are of a strong belief that Member States will engage in intensive discussions, with a special focus on topics such as improving the effectiveness of the review process. We aim to bridge major differences, foster unity in action, and further enhance cooperation on anti-corruption initiatives in general, with a laser focus on the effective implementation of the Convention.

Once again, Mr. Chairman, I extend my heartfelt congratulations, and please rest assured of our unwavering support for your leadership. We firmly believe that under your chairmanship, this Conference will undoubtedly be a resounding success.

Thank you.