



FACT SHEET

Implementing Human Rights Treaties in Viet Nam

Background

Promoting and protecting human rights is the consistent policy of that State of Viet Nam. As outlined in the publication *Achievements in the Protection and the Promotion of Human Rights in Viet Nam*, the Government seeks to ensure the realization of human rights through, inter-alia the process of economic, social and cultural development in general, the building and improvement of a modern legal system and effective implementation mechanisms. Viet Nam acceded to major UN human rights treaties. Basic human rights identified in these treaties are recognized in the 1992 Constitution of Viet Nam and incorporated into domestic legislation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is tasked with an important role in the implementation of international human rights treaties. As such, the Ministry takes part in the formulation of human rights-related policies and laws, represents the Government at the bilateral and multilateral dialogues on human rights, and coordinates a number of country reports to human rights treaty bodies.

Other government agencies and local authority localities also involve in the developing the legal system, organizing effective law enforcement, disseminating widely the international human rights instruments that Viet Nam has ratified, as

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well as designing and implementing international cooperation programmes to effectively implement such human rights instruments within their areas of responsibility.

This joint project between UNDP and MOFA hopes to support MOFA in implementing ratified human rights treaties more effectively.

What the project will do:

Raise Awareness among government officials on the international human rights regime, the content of human rights treaties, and the commitments and obligations of Viet Nam in this respect.

Strengthen the ability of officials to prepare the ratification of outstanding international human rights treaties, harmonise the existing national legal framework with those of ratified human rights treaties, and compile high quality multi stakeholder treaty body reports.

Build partnerships to promote cooperation with other countries and international organizations in the implementation of human rights treaties.

About UNDP

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About MOFA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam is a government agency that carries out the state management function in foreign affairs including: external relation activities, national territory and border, Vietnamese communities overseas, signing and implementing international treaties and agreements, Vietnamese missions abroad and their operations administration...

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