

Viet Nam's National Statement in the CPD57

Official speech delivered by Vice Minister Tran Duy Dong

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Honorable chair,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, I would like to express our strong support to the CPD57 statement which advances ICPD Programme of Actions within the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Over the past 30 years, Viet Nam has taken innovative approaches to tackle inequalities and to bridge disparities in socio-economic status between regions and population groups. Viet Nam also recently reached the 100 million population milestone. Our citizens are living longer, healthier lives. Indeed, Viet Nam has surpassed global trends to reduce maternal mortality by 46% over the past 20 years, and use of modern contraceptives is now over 60% - also representing an increase.

However, Vietnam still needs to focus to get to zero maternal deaths and zero unmet need for family planning.

Viet Nam is also proactively responding to emerging issues such as population aging and our largest ever cohort of young people, as well as the threat of climate change, that many of us face, to ensure that no one

is left behind. We believe the progress in achieving the three transformative results on reduction of maternal mortality and unmet need for family planning and ending gender-based violence has substantially contributed to our country's rapid development. We are currently implementing the socio-economic development strategy for the period 2021-2030 to achieve national targets on ICPD and the SDGs as well as looking beyond to the post-2030 agenda.

Human resources development has played key role for Vietnam to achieve higher income status by 2045.

At this CPD57, we reconfirm our support to the ICPD Programme of Action. In particular, with financial and technical support from international communities, we will take affirmative measures to:

1. Mobilise the national and sub-national budget as well as other resources from development partners and the private sector to ensure sufficient financing for sexual and reproductive health and other ICPD priorities as a means to achieve the SDGs.
2. Generate and integrate quality population data in national and sub-national socio-economic development strategies..
3. Integrate a comprehensive package of SRHR interventions into national Universal Health Coverage strategies, policies, and programmes with high priorities for vulnerable populations, including ethnic minorities, migrants, persons.

4. Ensure that young people have access to age-appropriate information and services including comprehensive sexuality education.
5. End child marriages, sexual and gender-based violence, gender-biased sex selection and all forms of discrimination against women, girls and minoritised groups; and lastly,
6. Best utilize the opportunities of the demographic dividend and effectively respond to and prepare for Viet Nam's population aging process..

The government of Viet Nam will continue to fully engage with the UN system, especially our partnerships with UNFPA to realize SDG targets.

Thank you for your attention.