

**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
**Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics**  
**in Asia and the Pacific**

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**Policy priorities for improving CRVS in Viet Nam**

Dear Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. On behalf of Vietnamese Delegation, I would like to express my high appreciation and thanks to the United Nations ESCAP and other international organizations, partners and member states for organizing this important Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific. The topics have been chosen for the Conference are very relevant and timely for many countries in the region, including Vietnam.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. The Government of Viet Nam has paid attentions, through concrete actions, to the civil registration and vital statistics as we have realized that they are important for human beings and good governance. The improvements of the works on civil registration and vital statistics are the clear indicators showing positive inclusive growth and developments of the country. That is why CRVS reforms have been one of the priorities of our Government in recent years.

3. To that end, we have identified certain works to be carried out, including:

- First, to develop an appropriate legal framework for CRVS: Vietnam has adopted a new Constitution which has entered into force since January 2014 where many good provisions are designed to reform the CRVS systems. To implement the new Constitution we have set legislative priorities for reforming and adopting a number important laws. For example, in the year 2014 alone the National Assembly of Vietnam has passed new Law on Marriage and Family, and adopted for the first time the Law on Civil Registration and the Law on Citizen Identification. These new laws and other current laws, such as the Law on Adoption, Law on Statistics, Law on Citizenship, the Civil Code which is being further revised under the plan to have a

new Civil Code in 2015... will provide good legal bases for improving the CRVS in the coming time.

- Second, to simplify administrative procedures and to enhance the responsibilities of the state agencies and government officers in handling CRVS works with the goal to create easy access for the people to CRVS, to maintain transparent and efficient system where most of the civil registration works must be completed within the same day of receipt.

- Third, to enhance the capacity of state agencies and government officers from the central level to the local levels with better legal knowledge and skills. Under the new Law on Civil Registration, government officers who handle civil registration must acquire mandatory legal training qualifications. A comprehensive evaluation of these government officers and plans for capacity building have been identified as important and urgent steps forward of the Government.

- Fourth, to better the working conditions at the government agencies handling CRVS, including the promotion of using information technology, computerization, building reliable nation-wide databases....

Dear Chair,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Beside the positive developments in recent years in the areas of CRVS, Vietnam has faced certain challenges and difficulties which are typical for many countries of similar level of development. Therefore, Viet Nam calls for and supports the common efforts and cooperation of the countries in the region in achieving the CRVS goals and objectives contained in the Ministerial Declaration of the Conference as well as the Regional Action Framework, which we are going to endorse.

To conclude, I would like to thank you all for your attention.

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