

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

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The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures Ref. UA VNM 7/2022 (dated 15 December 2022) concerning Dong Guangping, the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam has the honour to inform as follows:

- 1. The respect for and the protection and promotion of human rights are a consistent policy of Viet Nam. The legitimate rights and interests of everyone in Viet Nam, a rule-of-law state, regardless of their sex, race, religion, nationality, amongst others, is fully protected in accordance with Viet Nam's Constitution and laws. At the same time, their acts shall also fully comply with provisions of the law. The Government of Viet Nam reaffirms that there is no the so-called "arbitrary detention" or "enforced disappreance" in Viet Nam. In Viet Nam, only those who violated the law are detained and prosecuted in accordance with the proceedings regulated in the law; their rights shall be fully ensured in line with national law and international covenants on human rights of which Viet Nam is a member.
- 2. After the verification process, the authorities in Viet Nam have had no information regarding Dong Guangping in Viet Nam.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its

highest consideration.

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