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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 has the honor to hereby transmit the reply of Viet Nam to the latter's Joint Communication AL VNM 2/2025 (dated 10 July 2025) concerning Dang Dinh Bach and the implementation of Viet Nam's Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP).

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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**Reply of Viet Nam to the Joint Communication concerning
Dang Dinh Bach and the implementation of Viet Nam's
Just Energy Transition Partnership (Viet Nam)**

Ref. AL VNM 2/2025 (dated 10 July 2025)

Viet Nam completely rejects the false allegations contained in the communication regarding the case of Dang Dinh Bach and Viet Nam's implementation of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP). The allegations that Dang Dinh Bach was arrested for exercising his rights to freedom of expression and human rights activities in the field of the environment are baseless, untrue, negative inferences, prejudices about the human rights situation Viet Nam. Viet Nam requests the Special Procedures to seriously consider the information Viet Nam has already provided regarding the case of Dang Dinh Bach in its previous reply, such as our Note Verbale No. 47/VNM.23 dated 17 March 2023 in response to the Joint Communication Ref. AL VNM 2/2022 dated 18 February 2022.

1. On the current status of Mr. Dang Dinh Bach:

Mr. Dang Dinh Bach is currently serving his sentence at Prison No. 6 under the Ministry of Public Security. Since the start of his sentence, he has been guaranteed by the prison to receive all entitlements and detention conditions in accordance with the Law on Enforcement of Criminal Judgments; he has been permitted to communicate with and to receive gifts from family members, receive family visits, and undergo regular medical monitoring and examinations. At present, his health is stable and adequate for serving his sentence.

2. On the implementation of the JETP Political Declaration in Viet Nam:

The Political Declaration establishing the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) was adopted by Viet Nam and the International Partners Group (IPG) on 14 December 2022 in Brussels, Belgium.

The objective of the JETP Declaration is to create a cooperation framework between Viet Nam, IPG, and relevant stakeholders aimed at supporting Viet Nam in accelerating a low-carbon and climate-resilient transition, while ensuring fairness so that the transition does not negatively impact communities, especially vulnerable groups. Within this cooperation framework, Viet Nam, IPG, and stakeholders do not establish separate institutional frameworks or regulatory mechanisms for implementing specific projects such as technical assistance or investment projects.

Such projects will be implemented in accordance with Viet Nam’s existing laws and regulations.

On 31 August 2023, Viet Nam’s Prime Minister issued Decision No. 1009/QĐ-TTg approving the Scheme for implementing the Political Declaration establishing the Just Energy Transition Partnership. The Decision clearly defines the functions and responsibilities of working groups, relevant agencies, and implementation plans. Among the core tasks of the Scheme are improving institutions and policies to promote the energy transition (Task No. 1), and ensuring fairness in the energy transition (Task No. 8), including: (i) ensuring equal access to resources and equal responsibilities in the transition, with support policies for enterprises participating in energy transition projects; (ii) supporting vulnerable workers and households affected by the transition; and (iii) implementing training and retraining for workers impacted by the transition. Specifically, the Decision states: *“Ensure that the energy transition process is transparent, fair, and carried out with broad consensus among relevant stakeholders, including enterprises, workers, and communities affected by the energy transition; enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of a just energy transition.”* This principle is also reflected in the Scheme’s objective: *“Identify risk-mitigation measures to protect enterprises, investors, workers, and poor or vulnerable households during the energy transition; provide new training and skills development to seize investment and employment opportunities created by the renewable-energy ecosystem.”*

To achieve these objectives, the Scheme sets out several tasks, including:

- Reviewing the current legal framework and completing relevant regulations to support communities affected by the energy transition, ensuring fairness and alignment with the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work;

- Conducting assessments of economic, social, and environmental impacts of the just energy transition on relevant groups;

- Updating and supplementing content on green job creation, social protection measures, and encouraging private-sector participation in training and retraining workers affected by the transition under the Vocational Education Development Strategy 2021–2030;

- Developing mechanisms, policies, and social-protection solutions to ensure a just transition for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

These tasks are being implemented with the participation of multiple stakeholders, including the Labour Confederation, relevant organisations, and enterprises, to ensure that the principle of “fairness” is effectively applied in practice./.