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Session 2: Fostering sustainable peace and development through United Nations policing

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Distinguished delegates,

Nearly 50 years ago, Viet Nam came out of a long war and was faced with numerous complicated security issues. Our decades-long efforts in stabilizing the situation and building a safe country that we have today is a great success story. At this Summit, I would like to share some lessons of Viet Nam with a hope to make significant contribution to the UN's police activities.

First and foremost, all stabilizing efforts, including those by police, should be put under the rule of law, not only domestic law but also a respect to the fundamental principles of international law, the Charter of the United Nations.

Second, the police should promote the spirit of humanity and take people as the root. Ensuring security should be the responsibility of all members in a society. During the post-conflict period, community policing must be conducted in a proper manner to promote the community's support for the government and the police, and with tolerance to gradually reduce the resistance of the remaining armed groups.

Third, the police should be innovative, creative, and take lead in learning new technologies in its operations and capacity building. We also note that professional standards should be applied in line with the reality of post-conflict situations. Learning from other countries' practices in policing is very important, but we should be mindful of particular circumstances of post-conflict areas.

Distinguished delegates,

Contributing to UN peace operations is a high priority of the Government and the Ministry of Public Security of Viet Nam. We are committed to expanding our police

contributions to the UN by sending our best police officers in the years to come, both in number and geographic presence.

In addition to domestic policing, we would like to emphasize the need for international cooperation in preventing and combating transnational crimes. Viet Nam looks forward to continuing close cooperation with other countries as well as UN agencies in this regards, with a view to dealing with our common challenges and maintaining international peace and security.

Thank you!