Mr. President,

Distinguished delegates,

Let me begin by expressing our thanks to the President of the ECOSOC and the Chair of the Humanitarian Affairs Segment for organizing this annual meeting.

Viet Nam extends our deepest condolences to the Afghan people affected by the earthquake in Paktika province yesterday.

1. Viet Nam recognizes the importance of humanitarian activities and the role of relevant UN agencies in delivering humanitarian assistance in conflicts, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. In this regard, Viet Nam has contributed 500,000 USD to the United Nations humanitarian emergency funds to support those people in need this year. In addition, we also contributed 1 million USD to the COVAX to join the international community’s efforts in the fight against COVID-19.
Viet Nam is also working closely with ASEAN members within the framework of the AHA Center and UN agencies to accelerate humanitarian assistance to the Myanmar people.

Mr. President,

2. Peace and stability are the precondition for humanitarian assistance activities. Only in such an environment, can we ensure safe and unimpeded access to humanitarian relief for those in dire need, and protection of humanitarian personnel.

3. In this regard, the role and responsibility of Member States in humanitarian affairs are of utmost important. The deep root causes of conflicts and the conflicts themselves, as well as humanitarian emergencies should be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

Member States should accelerate efforts to prevent humanitarian emergencies and reduce their impacts, including by increasing the capacity to prevent disease outbreaks and reduce climate and environmental risks, strengthening early warning systems, preparedness, increasing finance for adaptation and resilience.

Meanwhile, humanitarian activities should be based on the paramount principles of neutrality, impartiality and independence, upholding the UN Charter and international humanitarian law. Humanitarian solutions should also be compatible with the specific conditions, circumstances and needs of each country.
4. Better coherence, coordination and mutual trust between UN agencies, governments and relevant stakeholders in terms of action, finance and data sharing should be further enhanced to timely and effectively respond to rising global humanitarian challenges.

Besides, partnerships are invaluable instruments in the promotion of stability and development. We must fully utilize these partnerships in terms of technology transfer, capacity building and financial support to respond to global challenges, such as the pandemic, climate change, to name a few, and recover from the crisis.

In conclusion, Viet Nam reaffirms our commitment to alleviating the suffering of those caught up in humanitarian crises around the world and promoting respect for international humanitarian law to reduce suffering and protect people in conflict and crisis areas.

I thank you./.