

OPENING REMARK

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Finance And Technology"**

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His Excellency Guido Hildner, Ambassador of the German Embassy to Viet Nam,

Dear members of the National Assembly and distinguished guests,

On behalf of Vietnamese National Assembly leaders, I would like to send warm greetings to all of you attending the *National Dialogue on "Sustainable Energy Transition - Governance, Finance and Technology"* co-chaired by the Standing Committee of the Science, Technology and Environment Committee and German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ).

I highly appreciate the initiative to organise this event and expect our German friends to share a lot of experience and information, especially the role of the German Parliament in the process of energy transition to respond to climate change.

The seminar provides an open forum for ministries, departments, provinces, experts, scientists, international and local managers to exchange plans, orientations and challenges during the energy transition in Viet Nam to meet requirements for socio-economic developments and deliver the net-zero commitment;

I hope that the event will provide fruitful information, scientific basis and practices for the Supervision Delegation of the National Assembly Standing Committee in terms of compliance with policies and legal regulations on energy development in the period 2016 - 2021.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In recent years, Viet Nam has emerged as a dynamic economy with a high growth rate. The demand for energy, especially electricity, is increasing. In order to achieve the goals of green, sustainable economic development and adaptation to climate change, the Party and State of Viet Nam have issued many guidelines, policies and laws on energy development, especially on February 11, 2020, the Politburo issued Resolution No. 55 on "*Orientation of the Viet Nam's national energy development strategy to 2030, vision to 2045*", which clearly states the view that "*Ensuring National energy security is both a foundation and an important premise for socio-economic development. Prioritising fast and sustainable energy development associated with environmental protection, national defense and security and implementation of a progressive and just*

society is particularly important, which is also a core mission throughout the process of industrialisation and modernisation". In order to implement the Resolution of the Politburo, the National Assembly, the Government at all levels, sectors and localities have been focusing on developing and implementing relevant programs, schemes, projects and tasks.

At the 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 26), Viet Nam made a strong political commitment, demonstrating its determination to respond to climate change, reduce emissions, and realise transition to a green, circular economy; while showing Viet Nam's activeness and responsibility in the joint efforts of the international community to preserve and protect our living environment and the Earth.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The National Assembly of Viet Nam plays a vital role in implementing the National energy development strategy and promoting the national energy transition roadmap by performing its functions, namely legislation, supreme supervision, and decision-making of important issues of the country.

Legislation: In 2020, the National Assembly approved The Law on Environment Protection (amended). In 2022, the National Assembly approved the Law on Petroleum (amended), the Law on amending, supplementing a number of laws, including the Law on amending, supplementing the Law on Electricity; and requested research, assessment and review of the legal system for the comprehensive amendment of the Law on Electricity, the Law on economical and efficient use of energy, the Law on Atomic Energy, and the Mineral Law.

Supreme supervision: In 2022, the Standing Committee of the National Assembly issued a thematic resolution on "The implementation of policies and laws on energy development in the 2016 – 2021 period", this oversight will be finished in 2023, aiming to: (1) Conduct an objective, honest, complete and comprehensive assessment of the implementation of policies and laws on energy development in the 2016 – 2021 period; (2) Detect shortcomings, limitations and causes; clarify the responsibilities of relevant agencies, organisations and individuals, especially the responsibilities of the leadership; (3) Promptly handle or propose a plan to immediately deal with difficulties, problems and inadequacies. Recommend and propose solutions to improve the system of policies and laws, and improve the efficiency of the implementation of policies and laws on energy development; (4) Draw lessons learned from the formulation, finalisation and implementation of policies and laws on energy development in the next period.

The National Assembly has also asked the Government to urge the completion of strategies, master plans and plans related to energy development, namely: (i) the National Energy Development Strategy; (ii) the Strategy on Development of Viet Nam's Coal Industry; (iii) the National Strategy for Environmental Protection; (i) the National Energy Master Plan; (iii) the National Infrastructure Plan for Oil and Gas Reserves and Supply;

(iv) the Master Plan on Basic Geological Survey of Minerals.

The 3rd session of the 15th National Assembly approved the Resolution 63, requesting the Government to *“Implement breakthrough tasks and solutions to adapt to climate change, sea level rise, natural disaster prevention and control, and energy transition in order to fulfil Viet Nam’s commitment at the 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26); and mobilise investments into low-carbon economic development for sustainable development.”*

The Prime Minister issued Decision No. 888 approving the scheme setting out tasks and solutions for implementation of outcomes of the 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Decision No. 896 approving the National strategy for climate change until 2050. Viet Nam will strive to achieve the highest net-zero target to protect the Earth's climate system; while improving the productivity, quality, efficiency and competitiveness of the Vietnamese economy towards the goal of sustainable development.

At the National Assembly’s sessions, although the focus was to address solutions to prevent and control the Covid-19 pandemic and the plan to support socio-economic recovery and development, high attention was also put on targets and solutions on national energy transition; the National Assembly delegates reflected the voices and opinions of voters, expressing questions related to the energy transition. Agencies of the National Assembly such as the Committee on Science, Technology and Environment and the Committee on Economic Affairs have organised supervision activities for a number of sectors and localities regarding related projects and programs. The National Assembly of Viet Nam has been actively participating in relevant contents at multilateral and bilateral forums, cooperates with international organisations in Viet Nam on many topics from technical assistance cooperation to programs using grants, ODA loans and supporting businesses, encouraging and attracting investments in this sector.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The COP27 has been organised while there are continuous natural disasters happening around the world such as floods, unusual heatwaves, crises in energy, food, water and high inflation rate due to global political instability... At this conference, climate finance disagreements over compensation for "loss and damage" were the most prominent issues in the final hours of negotiations. In the closing session, COP27 agreed to work towards the establishment of a loss and damage support fund.

At the conference, due to the complicated situation and reasons, some countries delayed or reduced their ambitions for climate policies and even decided to shift back towards using fossil energy. Nevertheless, Viet Nam has always been committing to pursuit targets combating climate change with the principles of justice and fairness, with a global and public approach; based on synchronous institutions, effective and efficient policies and laws, science, technology and innovation, promoting domestic

resources and international cooperation; this will be considered as an opportunity to facilitate a green, circular, low-carbon and sustainable development model.

In addition to our own efforts and domestic resources, Viet Nam always looks forward to receiving cooperation and support from the international community, international partners, especially the Federal Republic of Germany, a country with various strong actions and experienced in energy transition.

The National Assembly of Viet Nam expects partners of Germany and Viet Nam, as well as Southeast Asian countries to continue to strengthen cooperation in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change; developed countries shall continue to promote the implementation of supporting mechanisms on finance, technologies, knowledge and governance capacity for developing countries, including Viet Nam.

The National Assembly of Viet Nam always aims toward sharing and learning experiences in developing and completing policies and laws on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, developing renewable energy, implementing green, circular and sustainable development economic models in accordance with Vietnamese practices.

Once again, I would like to honor and welcome, the participation of members of the National Assembly, ministries, sectors, localities, international organisations, experts, scientists, authorities from within the country and abroad. I hope that the delegates will take full advantage of this opportunity to straightforwardly share and exchange issues of mutual interest, ensuring the implementation of the goals set out in this event, practically serving the laws development and implementation of supervision activities in the energy development in Viet Nam.

With that spirit, I hereby announce the opening of the event **National Dialogue on “ Sustainable Energy Transition – Governance, Finance, and Technology”**.

I wish the Ambassador and all of the participants good health, happiness, and successful completion of all assigned tasks in their positions. I wish the friendly relations between Viet Nam and the Federal Republic of Germany shall be successfully developed better and further. I wish the event a great success.

Thank you./.