DECLARATION OF THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON COOPERATION BETWEEN

VIET NAM AND FOREIGN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 2026 – 2030

Ha Noi, December 4, 2025

The 5th International Conference on Cooperation between Viet Nam and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (FNGOs) was held in Ha Noi on December 4, 2025, with the participation of nearly 800 delegates representing FNGOs; bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies; donors; embassies; central ministries and agencies; research institutes; provincial/city authorities; people's organizations; partner organizations; corporations; and domestic and foreign enterprises. The conference reviewed the cooperation outcomes for the 2019 – 2025 period and agreed on the cooperation orientations for 2026 – 2030.

I. Evaluation of the Cooperation Results for the 2019 – 2025 Period

During the 2019 – 2025 period, despite rapid and complex developments in the international context, particularly the profound impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and shifts in global funding policies, the cooperation between Viet Nam and the FNGOs continued to be stable, flexible and achieved many positive results.

The conference highly appreciated the cooperation outcomes attained in the recent period. Nearly 400 organizations operating in Viet Nam disbursed over 1.1 billion USD, focusing on key areas such as health; education and human resource development; social security; environment; sustainable livelihood development; support for vulnerable people; and addressing war legacies. These projects were implemented in alignment with Viet Nam's development policies and priorities, contributing meaningfully to multidimensional poverty reduction, improving quality of life, and promoting sustainable development.

In recent years, cooperation between Viet Nam and FNGOs has become increasingly substantive and effective. FNGOs have gradually shifted from serving primarily as donors to becoming partners in mutual development. Vietnamese agencies and partners have become more proactive in proposing initiatives, participating in building and implementing development efforts. Coordination between FNGOs and Vietnamese agencies and partners has been expanded to include project design, fundraising, implementation, evaluation and the maintenance of good results; thereby enhancing transparency, adaptability, and overall effectiveness of programs and projects.

FNGOs have made important contributions to capacity building for agencies, organizations, and communities through training courses, coaching, knowledge transfer, and project management skills. These efforts have significantly improved the quality of governance and coordination effectiveness among Vietnamese partners. Programs supporting livelihood recovery, climate change adaptation, environmental protection, public health and support for vulnerable people continued to be implemented on large scale and demonstrated clear impacts.

In addition to their development contributions, FNGOs play an important role in promoting the image of Viet Nam internationally; fostering mutual understanding; strengthening friendship and support from international friends for Viet Nam, contributing to integrating Viet Nam into the world and bringing the world to Viet Nam. Viet Nam appreciates the practical, responsible and persistent contributions of FNGOs over the past time. We also extend our sincere gratitude to international

organizations, partners, and friends who have consistently accompanied, supported, and shared with Viet Nam on its development journey toward the common goals of peace, stability, and prosperity.

II. Cooperation Orientation for the New Period 2026 – 2030

Entering a new development phase, Viet Nam faces many opportunities as well as challenges, including urgent requirements for human development; responding to increasingly severe impacts of climate change; energy transition issues; cybersecurity risks in the digital age; development disparities between regions and compelling needs for innovation and improving national competitiveness. Guided by Viet Nam's consistent principle of "placing people at the center, as the subject, the goal and the driving force of national development", and by the commitment to "leaving no one is behind", the conference agreed that, for the 2026 – 2030 period, cooperation between Viet Nam and FNGOs should focus on the following areas:

1. Human development in terms of health, physical well-being, mental resilience, and skills, to meet the demands for high-quality human resource in the new development period and the context of deep international integration.

2. Contributing to improving the lives of vulnerable people in society, continuing to mobilize resources to address the war legacies.

3. Strengthening the capacity to respond and recover from climate change, natural disasters and epidemics, especially in vulnerable areas.

4. Implementing measures to help narrow development gaps between regions and population groups, especially in mountainous and remote areas.

5. Developing an innovation-driven ecosystem that nurtures new growth drivers, consistent with the imperatives of digital transformation, green transition, circular economy, renewable energy, and effective waste governance.

III. Goals

Viet Nam has set the goal of becoming a developing country with modern industry and upper-middle income status by 2030, and a developed, high-income country by 2045. To achieve these strategic objectives, Viet Nam requires the cooperation and support of the entire society, including state agencies, the business community, social organizations, and citizens, along with effective and sustainable collaboration from the international community.

In the spirit of equal partnership, mutual respect, and shared responsibilities and benefits for Viet Nam's sustainable development, the Conference agreed to continue strengthening and innovating cooperation between Viet Nam and FNGOs for the 2026 – 2030 period, focusing on the following objectives:

1. Concentrate resources on areas that have a direct impact on people and communities, striving to ensure that at least 80% of the total value of NGO aid is allocated to priority sectors, including health, education and human resource development, science – technology and innovation, sustainable rural development, environmental protection and climate change response, addressing war legacies, and supporting vulnerable people in society.

2. Comprehensively transform aid-based cooperation into development-oriented cooperation, with the goal that by 2030, at least 50% of cooperation programs integrate financial support with knowledge transfer, technology, and international experience.

3. Expand multilateral cooperation models, increase the participation of the private sector, social organizations and local partners in project implementation, aiming for each priority area to have at least 03 typical models of sustainable cooperation with high replicability.

4. Build and establish a mechanism for dialogue and periodic information sharing, forming a development cooperation ecosystem including FNGOs, development partners, ministries, sectors, localities, social organizations and corporations and enterprises.

IV. Commitments

**** The Committee for Foreign Non-Governmental Organisation Affairs commits to:***

- Creating favorable conditions for FNGOs, development partners, international organizations, international enterprises and individuals to implement initiatives, programs and projects in Viet Nam for human development and sustainable development;

- Continuing to promote improvements to the legal framework and policies managing FNGO aid in Vietnam;

- Promoting innovation in coordination and information sharing mechanism between management agencies, local partners and FNGOs;

- Maintaining regular dialogue and two-way information sharing with FNGOs and development partners to jointly identify priorities and unbind difficulties in the cooperation process;

- Strengthening monitoring, evaluation and capacity building for staff at all levels in managing, receiving and coordinating aid sources, ensuring the effective use of aid sources, in accordance with regulations, objectives and in line with Viet Nam's development priorities;

- Adopting measures to encourage private sector engagement in promoting cooperation models, aiming at sustainable development goals.

**** FNGOs commit to:***

- Continuing to accompany Viet Nam in the sustainable development journey by mobilizing and allocating financial, technical and intellectual resources;

- Continuing to closely follow the orientations of priority areas in the National Program on Strengthening Cooperation with and Mobilizing Assistance from FNGOs in the new period, in Viet Nam's socio-economic development strategy 2021-2030, vision to 2045 and other plans, roadmaps to achieve SDGs by 2030 to secure resources to support Viet Nam;

- Ensuring compliance with Viet Nam's laws and regulations, transparency in resource management and utilization; implementing programs/projects that focus on the people and aiming for long-term sustainability of Viet Nam;

- Promoting positive communication about Viet Nam to the world, objectively and honestly reflecting Viet Nam's efforts, achievements and development policies;

- Regularly sharing information, results and practical lessons, contributing to improving the effectiveness and trust in development cooperation;

V. Appeal

As Viet Nam enters a new development phase marked by intertwined opportunities and challenges, effective cooperation among all parties is a key factor in promoting innovation, integration, and improvements in people's life quality. Mobilizing resources, sharing experiences, transferring knowledge and technology from international partners will contribute significantly to the implementation of sustainable development goals, narrowing the development gap and ensuring social security.

The 5th International Conference between Viet Nam and the FNGOs calls for the attention, companionship and active support from the international community, especially development organizations, donors, enterprises, corporations and individuals with social responsibility, to join hands for the prosperity and sustainable development of Viet Nam.

All parties pledge to continue their efforts to build and strengthen sustainable cooperative relationships based on mutual understanding and respect, solidarity, and friendship between Vietnamese people and the peoples of countries around the world. The conference affirms the essential role of people-to-people cooperation in promoting peace, development, and global connectivity, and expresses the hope of continuing to receive long-term, responsible, and effective support from international partners in the coming time./.