LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AND
THE NORWEGIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Preamble

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (together referred to as the Parties and individually referred to as Viet Nam and Norad) state that they will initiate negotiations with the aim to prepare an agreement (the Intended Agreement) in relation to the establishment of a carbon-neutral, team-friendly One UN House in Viet Nam.

The aim of a Green One UN House is to facilitate the UN in Viet Nam to implement an ambitious reform programme as one of the 8 pilot countries of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence. Further, a green demonstration building will equip the UN and the Government of Viet Nam to advocate environmental awareness and climate change. The project will also build local capacities in environmentally-friendly design and construction in Viet Nam.

The scope of cooperation will entail grant assistance from Norad to the retrofitting of the current UN Apartment Building in Hanoi into an environmentally friendly and healthy UN House for all resident UN agencies in Hanoi, with cutting edge eco-design and technology.

Article 1

The preparations of the negotiations referred to in the Preamble shall commence at the earliest convenience.

Article 2

The Intended Agreement shall define in particular the responsibilities of the parties involved in implementation and management of the project, including the contribution, the financial management and the financial flows among parties.

As the One UN House is developed in a partnership between Viet Nam, the United Nations and the Donor community, the Parties commit themselves to involve the United Nations in Viet Nam in the preparation of the Intended Agreement.

Article 5

The Parties will to the extent possible align themselves with already established harmonisation mechanisms for the Green One UN House in Viet Nam.

Article 6

This Letter of Intent constitutes the Parties' declaration of will to commence the cooperation and does not establish any obligation to sign the Intended Agreement referred to in the Preamble.

Article 7
Closing provisions

The Letter of Intent is done at Oslo on the sixth day of June, 2008 in two originals in the English language.Both copies are equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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