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To: Prof. Dr. Glenn Hurry Executive Director

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Ref: Additional information as requested by TCC9

Dear Dr. Glenn Hurry,

At the last Technical and Compliance Meeting (TCC9) in Pohnpei, Viet Nam was requested to provide additional information to support its application to renew the Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status in 2014. In this connection, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam would like to inform you as follows:

- 1. Viet Nam has not taken any research programs in the Convention Area. All researches done by Viet Nam, or in collaboration with Viet Nam and another party, have been done in the EEZ of Viet Nam only;
- 2. There has been no Vietnamese citizen or vessel identifed as not complying with the provisions of the Conventions and the Commission's CMMs, as well as the fisheries laws and regulations of coastal States in the Convention Area;
- 3. So far, there has been no vessel flying Vietnamese flag identified as having involved in IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area, or in other sea areas under the management of other RFMOs;
- 4. In early 2013, one bunker (named PV Oil Jupiter) belonging to a Vietnamese company was leased to a Korean firm to operate in the Convention Area. This vessel complied with all provisions of the Convention and the Commission's CMMs. However, in July 2013, upon the termination of the lease contract, the vessel returned to Viet Nam, and at present Viet Nam does not have any presence in the Convention Area;

We hope that the above information meets the Commission's request and we will receive your support to our CNM application in 2014.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

To Viet Chau

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