

**THE PRIME MINISTER**  
No.: 1252/QĐ-TTg

**SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**  
**Independence-Liberty-Happiness**  
*Hà Nội, September 26, 2019*

## **DECISION**

### **Approval of the Plan to improve the effectiveness of implementing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and recommendations of the United Nations Human Rights Committee**

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THE PRIME MINISTER

*Pursuant to the Law on the Organization of the Government of June 19, 2015;  
Pursuant to the Law on International Agreements of April 9, 2016;  
Considering the suggestions from the Justice Minister,*

#### **HEREBY DECIDES TO:**

**Article 1.** Approve the Plan to improve the effectiveness of implementing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and recommendations of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (“Plan”), with the following basis:

#### **I. OBJECTIVE & REQUESTS**

##### **1. Objective**

a) Clearly define the work and pathway to appropriately implement the measures needed to abide by the provisions in ICCPR and recommendations of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. From then on, contribute to the increased enjoyment by the people of civil and political rights consistent with the Constitution, laws and socio-economic conditions of Vietnam while responding to external and domestic requirements, national security, and social order and security.

b) Raise the profile and responsibilities of relevant agencies, assign tasks to them, and increase coordination to ensure progress, coherence and overall effectiveness.

##### **2. Request**

a) In formulating the approach and implementing the plan, agencies must follow closely the Party’s views and Government policy and laws related to human rights pursuant to the 2013 Constitution and Section VIII of the 2016 Law on International Agreements. Any legislation arising from ICCPR and UN recommendations needs to factor in the legislative schedule and process of the National Assembly.

b) Implementation of the Covenant and recommendations of the UN Human Rights Committee shall be consistent with the mission and authority of agencies.

c) Relevant agencies tasked with leading or participating in coordination with others shall develop plans and concrete programs to ensure effectiveness and timely progress.

d) Ensure close coordination and coherent progress among agencies and relevant local government units; timely reflect, resolve, or inform the appropriate authority when difficulties and obstacles arise when implementing the Plan.

#### **II. TASKS AND THRUST OF THE PLAN**

1. Continue to legislate and improve the legal framework to implement ICCPR
  - a) Review and evaluate provisions in draft laws and resolutions by the National Assembly and decrees by the Executive Committee of the National Assembly for consistency with ICCPR in the process of developing the above-mentioned legal documents.
  - b) Study and develop proposals to improve the legal framework for consistency with ICCPR, including provisions limiting rights, preventing discrimination and other provisions.
  - c) Prepare a comprehensive report to evaluate the legislative work that will be performed to reflect ICCPR requirements, identify legal provisions not consistent with ICCPR and offer proposals on legislation and improving the legal framework to implement ICCPR.
2. Continue to increase the effectiveness of the legal provisions related to civil and political rights
  - a) Promulgate and implement national plans and programs to erase prejudice, discrimination against women (to increase participation by women in all aspects and eliminate violence based on gender) and vulnerable groups, including the disabled, children, minority ethnic groups, gays and lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender individuals (LGBTI), and HIV/AIDS individuals.
  - b) Increase the effectiveness of the process for taking in complaints and denouncements through increased convenience and security for those who submit them, and increase the percentage of resolved cases involving violations of civil and political rights to better protect the right to submit complaints and denouncements.
  - c) Continue to raise the effectiveness of taking into account civil and political rights in criminal procedures.
  - d) Increase activities aimed at protecting civil and political rights.
  - đ) Increase the quality of activities related to compensating and assisting victims of violations of civil and political rights.
  - e) Increase activities related to inspection, verification, oversight, and keeping count of incidents of violation of civil and political rights.
3. Continue to promote civil and political rights through education, outreach and training.
  - a) Communicate the completion of legislative activities and results of defending the Third Periodic report on Vietnam's implementation of the Covenant.
  - b) Continue to disseminate information on ICCPR, Concluding Observations, Third Periodic report and related documents, and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee.
  - c) Begin a conversation with external parties on human rights in other countries, with regional and international organizations, regional and international forums.
  - d) Disseminate information and conduct training on ICCPR provisions to change the views of education officials, teachers, and students.
4. Conduct international collaborative activities, study applicable international agreements, and carry out periodic reporting tasks required under ICCPR and as recommended by the UN Human Rights Committee.

a) Develop a mechanism for periodically reporting and notifying related to the status of implementing provisions in ICCPR and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee.

b) Increase international collaboration to improve the effectiveness of implementing ICCPR and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee, including participating in meetings of the UN Human Rights Committee.

c) Continue to study the feasibility of establishing a National Human Rights Agency appropriate to the economic, cultural and social conditions of Vietnam and relevant to the international treaties signed by Vietnam or with Vietnam's participation.

d) Study the feasibility of signing on to related international agreements to better respect civil and political rights.

đ) Enable the reporting process for ICCPR and recommendations pursuant to Article 40 of ICCPR and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee.

### **III. PREPARING TO IMPLEMENT**

1. Based on the assignments shown in the addendum accompanying this Decision, consistent with the authority and mission of agencies, the appropriate agencies and local government units shall issue their plans before December 15, 2019, submit them to the Ministry of Justice for monitoring or enhancement, incorporating tasks and functions into plans, projects, national strategy, national program for human rights and other civil rights. During implementation, the appropriate agencies shall study the UN Concluding Observations and recommendations by the Human Rights Committee to come to a common understanding and speedily develop further the scope of activities in the Plan approved by the Prime Minister to meet the promulgated schedule.

2. The Ministry of Justice is assigned the role of leading the work and advising the Prime Minister in organizing, steering, keeping activities moving, and checking progress throughout the country; leading the implementation of a general review after 4 years to learn lessons related to implementing the Covenant and prepare for the subsequent periodic report.

3. Ministers, Heads of ministry-level agencies, Heads of central government units, and the chairpersons of provinces and cities under the central government's stewardship shall steer, increase monitoring, push forward the activities of the Plan; continue activities to ensure and promote civil and political rights specified in other decisions and plans issued by the Prime Minister; and report results annually to the Ministry of Justice before the 30th day of November so that results can be synthesized and aggregated.

4. The People's Supreme Court and the People's Supreme Procuracy, consistent with their authority and mission, shall review the Concluding Observations and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee to proactively and effectively use ICCPR materials; increase inspection, verification, and oversight, and deal with violations of ICCPR provisions.

5. The Central Fatherland Front Committee and its member organizations shall participate, consistent with their authority and mission.

### **IV. COSTS**

The costs associated with implementing the Plan shall be covered by the national budget. Ministries, central government agencies, and local government units shall, based on

their assignments per this Plan, prioritize and balance planned budget items and other lawful sources of funds to conduct the work outlined in the Plan.

**Article 2.** This Decision is effective when issued.

**Article 3.** Ministers, Heads of ministry-level agencies, Heads of central government units, and the chairpersons of provinces and cities under the central government shall be responsible for the implementation of this Plan

**Recipients:**

- Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers;
- Ministries, equivalent agencies, central govt agencies;
- People Councils & Committees;
- Foreign Affairs Committee;
- Doctrine Committee;
- Central Committee of the Party;
- Minorities Council; National Assembly Executive Committee
- National Assembly Office;
- People’s Supreme Court;
- Supreme Procuracy;
- Central Fatherland Front Committee;
- Headquarters of Associations;
- VPCP: BTCN, PCN Nguyễn Sỹ Hiệp, PM Aide, Units: QHQT, PL, Information Portal;
- Filing VT, NC(03b)<sub>Hg.</sub>

**FOR THE PRIME MINISTER**  
**DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**  
**Phạm Bình Minh**

**ADDENDUM**

**TASKS AND MEASURES FOR INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IMPLEMENTING  
 THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ICCPR)  
 AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
*(Supporting Decision No. 1252/QĐ-TTg of 9/26/2019 by the Prime Minister)*

STT	Tasks and Measures	Lead Agency	Coordinating With	Expected Results	Time Frame
A.	Continue legislation and improvement of legal framework to comply with ICCPR				

I.	Review and evaluate provisions in draft laws and resolutions by the National Assembly and decrees by the Executive Committee of the National Assembly for consistency with ICCPR in the process of developing the above-mentioned legal documents.	Ministry of Justice	- Relevant agencies; - Supreme Procuracy and Supreme Court to coordinate;	Legal documents contain provisions consistent with ICCPR	Annual
II.	Study proposals aiming to enhance the legal framework for consistency with ICCPR				
1.	Study and develop proposals to improve the legal framework for consistency with ICCPR, including provisions limiting rights, preventing discrimination and other provisions in the areas:				
1.1.	National defense (emergencies), particularly rights that must not be suspended during emergencies, process for notifying the international community during emergencies.	Ministry of Defense	Ministry of Public Security; Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on review and proposed improvements to laws	- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
1.2.	National security (paying attention to the national security concept and crimes related to national security in the penal code, etc.)	- Ministry of Public Security (Law on National Security and related implementation guidance documents) - Ministry of Justice (penal code)	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court & Supreme Procuracy to coordinate implementation consistent with their respective functions and missions	Report on review and proposed improvements to laws	- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022

1.3	Preventing and fighting terrorism (including the definition of relevant terms in this field)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Security (review common issues with the Law on preventing and fighting terrorism);</li> <li>- Ministry of Justice (provisions in the penal code; synthesize review findings)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries: Defense, Foreign Affairs, Transportation, Finance, Information and Communication; State Bank of Vietnam and Relevant ministries and agencies.</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government and relevant agencies and organizations</li> </ul>	Report on reviews and proposals to improve laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial report: 2020</li> <li>- Final report: 2022</li> </ul>
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1.4	Religious area (particularly provisions related to forbidden activities, registration for religious activities, recognizing religious organizations, ensuring that religious organizations may operate, mechanism for resolving complaints, denouncements, punishment of violations of laws on religion)	Ministry of Interior (Central Religious Affairs Committee)	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on reviews and proposals to improve the Law on religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial report: 2020</li> <li>- Final report: 2022</li> </ul>
1.5	The area of information and communication (particularly provisions related to prohibited activities, punishment for administrative violations, etc.)	Ministry of Information and Communication (Law on Cyber Security, Law on News Media, Law on Publishing, and implementation guidance documents); Ministry of Public Security (Law on Cyber Security and implementation	Relevant ministries and agencies;	Report on reviews and proposals to improve laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial report: 2020</li> <li>- Final report: 2022</li> </ul>

		guidance documents)			
1.6	Legal provisions related to limiting foreign travel rights and residency rights (particularly restrictions of foreign travel/return by Vietnamese citizens; punishment of administrative violations related to foreign travel/return and residency)	Ministry of Public Security	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on reviews and proposals to improve laws	- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
1.7	Legal provisions limiting rights in administrative violation cases (particularly administrative detention clauses, administrative punishment measures, etc.)	Ministry of Justice	- Ministry of Public Security and Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court to coordinate implementation	Report on reviews and proposals to improve laws	2020
2.	<b>Review and improve framework to prevent and fight discrimination, with a focus on:</b>				

2.1.	Study the feasibility of promulgating a comprehensive anti-discrimination law to ensure sufficient and effective protection from all types of discrimination, and a list of bases of discrimination, including race, color, ethnicity, or social group, personal background, disability, age, sexual preference, gender, and any other basis.	Ministry of Justice	- Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs; Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Ministry of Health and relevant agencies.  - Supreme Procuracy and Supreme Court to implement , consistent with their respective functions and missions.	Report on feasibility of anti-discrimination law submitted to the Prime Minister.	- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
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2.2.	Review and propose improvements to laws to ensure equality between the sexes, preventing gender-based discrimination (including LGBTI), HIV/AIDS individuals, with a focus on the following areas:				
a	Labor (particularly retirement age, complaint resolution, complaints of discriminatory labor practices, etc. )	Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court, Supreme Procuracy, and Vietnam General Confederation of Labor to coordinate, consistent with their respective functions and missions.		- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
b	Laws on crimes (particularly the feasibility of criminalizing marital rape and sexual abuse)	Ministry of Justice	- Ministry of Public Security - Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to implement, consistent with their respective functions and missions.		- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
c	Medical aspects (particularly surgery to declare the gender of intersex children, gender reassignment surgery; gender affirmation without surgery, etc.)	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Justice and relevant agencies		- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
d	Marriage and family (particularly legal age to marry, role of women in the family, legal recognition and protection of same sex couples, etc.)	Ministry of Justice	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court to coordinate implementation		- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022



đ	Residency management (particularly household registry issues causing discrimination against ethnic minorities, etc.)	Ministry of Public Security	- Relevant ministries and agencies		
3.	Review and proposal improvements to laws in the following areas:				
3.1.	The law ensures an independent judiciary (particularly tenure of judges, criteria for appointing judges, etc.)	Supreme Court to implement	- Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public Security and other relevant agencies		Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.2.	Law on drug rehabilitation (particularly labor required from enrollees at drug rehab centers, especially mandatory drug treatment centers, etc.)	Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs	- Ministry of Public Security; Ministry of Justice; - Supreme Court to coordinate implementation.	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.3.	Continue studying the potential reduction of death penalty provisions	Ministry of Justice	- Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court & Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.4.	Criminal laws related to fighting torture (particularly the feasibility of criminalizing specifically torture in the criminal code; eliminating immunity from criminal prosecution for torturers; eliminating statutes of limitation for investigation into acts of torture, etc.)	Ministry of Justice	- Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Defense, and relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court & Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022

3.5.	Legal issues related to minors (particularly detention and trials, minimum age to join the workforce, to meet international standards, etc.)	- Ministry of Justice; - Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (changing law on minimum age for joining workforce)	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court & Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	- Initial report: 2020 - Final report: 2022
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3.6.	Cases involving government employees using force, firearms while carrying out their official duties.	Ministry of Public Security	- Ministry of Defense. Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.7.	Freedom of association (particularly joining or establishing unions of one's choosing; unions receiving financial assistance from abroad, etc.)	- Ministry of Home Affairs (Law on Association); - Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (issues related to representation of workers in labor laws); - Vietnam General Confederation of Labor to coordinate (issues related to unions in Union Law) - Ministry of Planning and Investment (financial assistance to unions from foreign sources)	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.8.	Right to peaceful assembly (including demonstrate; right to plan and hold conferences and workshops involving foreign participants, etc.)	- Ministry of Public Security (right to demonstrate); - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (right to plan and hold conferences and workshops involving foreign participants pursuant to Decision 76/2010/QĐ-TTg)	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022

3.9.	Right to vote (note the issue of the voting right of prison inmates)	Executive Office of National Assembly to implement	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
3.10.	Rights of ethnic minorities (note the feasibility of a law specific to ethnic minorities)	Committee on Ethnic Minorities	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report on studies and proposals to improve laws	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022

III.	Develop overview report assessing the legislation of ICCPR provisions into domestic laws, identify legal provisions which are still inconsistent with ICCPR, and propose further legislation and improvements to the legal framework to implement ICCPR	Ministry of Justice	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to coordinate implementation consistent with their respective functions and missions	Report on reviews (for incorporation into the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Committee)	2020 and periodic in each of the following 2 years
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**B. Continue to increase the effectiveness of the legal provisions related to civil and political rights**

I.	Allocate sufficient personnel and funds to implement national plans and programs aiming to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against: (1) women (to increase their participation in all areas and eliminate gender-based violence); and (2) vulnerable groups, particularly the disabled, children, ethnic minorities, LGBTI, and HIV/AIDS.	- Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (issues affecting women, children, the disabled); - Ministry of Health (issues affecting HIV/AIDS persons, LGBTI); - Ethnic Minorities Committee (issues affecting ethnic minorities)	- Relevant ministries and agencies; - Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to coordinate implementation , consistent with their respective functions and missions; - Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to coordinate implementation , consistent with their respective functions and missions.	- National plans and programs focusing on promoting and protecting the rights of women and vulnerable groups. - Topics for which national plans and programs have been developed: submit initial and final reports on status.	- Develop plans: 2019-2022 - Topics for which national plans and programs have been developed: Meet milestones from national plans and programs
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II.	Increase the effectiveness of handling complaints and denouncements in making it more convenient and safe for submitting entities and increase the percentage of resolved cases involving civil and political rights to better guarantee the right to complain and denounce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries and expert agencies, consistent with their respective functions and missions;</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to implement pursuant to their authority</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Convenient and safe channels for receiving and resolving complaints and denouncements</li> <li>- Percentage of cases that are resolved increases with time</li> </ul>	Annually
III.	<b>Continue to increase the effectiveness of enabling civil and political rights in criminal prosecution and adjudication</b>				
1.	Increase the number of courts for domestic relations and juvenile cases	Supreme Court to lead implementation		Establish and increase the number of courts for domestic relations and juvenile cases	2019-2022
2.	Reduce the percentage of lower court judgments that must be overturned or vacated in criminal cases; percentage of erroneous judgments; and demands for compensation by the government related to its judicial activities	Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to lead implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Percentage of appeals shows decreasing trend over time;</li> <li>- Percentage of demands by the public for redress or compensation shows decreasing trend over time,</li> </ul>	Annually
3.	Increase the effectiveness of investigations, prosecutions, and judgments of violators of civil and political rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to lead, consistent with their functions and missions.</li> <li>- Ministry of Public Security</li> </ul>		Report statistics on percentage of investigations, prosecutions, and judgments of violators of civil and political rights	Annually

4.	Increase independence in activities related to prosecution and adjudication; increase possibility of detainees exercising their rights in criminal cases and right to due process (particularly access to attorneys; right to challenge the legality of arrest, detention, etc. with respect to compliance with the judicial process)	- Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to lead implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions - Ministry of Public Security		Number of complaints and denouncements related to criminal prosecution and adjudication shows decreasing trend over time.	Annually
IV.	<b>Increase activities to support and protect civil and political rights</b>				
1.	Increase the number of activities related to legal defense, particularly for vulnerable individuals, including victims of violations of civil and political rights	- Ministry of Justice; - Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to implement pursuant to their authority	- Ministry of Public Security, Relevant ministries and agencies; - Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their respective functions and missions	Legal aid activities	2019-2022
2.	Increase the quantity and quality of legal assistants and attorneys	- Ministry of Justice; - Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to implement pursuant to their authority - Vietnam Bar Federation to implement pursuant to its authority	- Relevant ministries and agencies	Number of qualified legal assistants increase with time	Annually

**V. Improve the quality of compensation and support for victims of violations of their civil and political rights**

1.	Increase the number and diversity of bases for supporting victims of violations of civil and political rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism: victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence in family settings.</li> <li>- Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs: human trafficking victims</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase in number of bases for supporting victims of violations of civil and political rights;</li> <li>- Increase in diversity of such bases</li> </ul>	Annually
2.	Increase the percentage of resolved requests out of the number of requests submitted for compensation by the government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries and agencies to implement, consistent with their respective functions and missions.</li> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to lead, consistent with their respective functions and missions</li> </ul>		Percentage of resolved cases increases with time.	Annually
3.	Review and evaluate conditions and rules of prisons and detention centers, reformatories, and drug rehabilitation centers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevant ministries and agencies;</li> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.</li> </ul>	Submit report on conditions and rules of prisons and detention centers	Initial report: 2020 Final report: 2022
VI.	Increase activities related to inspection, verification, oversight, and keeping count of incidents of violation of civil and political rights				

1.	Increase the quality and effectiveness of inspection, verification and oversight related to civil and political rights, particularly administrative measures related to civil and political rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries and expert agencies, consistent with their respective functions and missions;</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to implement pursuant to their authority;</li> <li>- Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to lead implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions.</li> </ul>		Positive trend for the quality and effectiveness of inspection, verification and oversight related to civil and political rights	Annually
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2.	Collect statistics related to enabling civil and political rights, particularly the number of complaints, denunciations, and lawsuits resulting from violations of civil and political rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries and expert agencies, consistent with their respective functions and missions;</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to implement pursuant to their authority;</li> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to lead, consistent with their functions and missions.</li> </ul>		Database of annual statistical information related to civil and political rights.	Annually
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**C. Continue to promote civil and political rights through education, outreach and training**

I.	Communicate the completion of legislative activities and results of defending the Third Periodic report on Vietnam's implementation of ICCPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Justice: Develop materials for communication</li> <li>- Ministry of Information and Communication: Implement communication</li> </ul>	Relevant ministries and agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials used in communication;</li> <li>- Communication activities</li> </ul>	2019-2020
II.	Continue to disseminate information on ICCPR, Concluding Observations, Third Periodic report and related documents, and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee:				
1.	Members of the National Assembly; staff of National Assembly committees;	Executive Office of the National Assembly to lead implementation	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documents and other printed materials for distribution, and other suitable outreach methods;</li> <li>- Workshops, conferences, training sessions, and informal discussions related to legal matters</li> </ul>	
2.	Government employees involved with legislation at ministries and expert agencies in the central government; the rapporteur on legislation in the central government	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevant ministries and agencies;</li> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to coordinate implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documents and other printed materials for distribution, and other suitable outreach methods;</li> <li>- Workshops, conferences, training sessions, and informal discussions related to legal matters</li> </ul>	Annually



3	Prosecuting officials; government employees involved with punishing individuals charged with administrative violations or involved with carrying out punishments ordered by courts; prison guards and prison employees; staff at mandatory drug treatment centers and mandatory education centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Defense (prisons and detention centers, mandatory education centers);</li> <li>- Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (mandatory drug treatment centers)</li> <li>- Supreme Court &amp; Supreme Procuracy to lead, consistent with their functions and missions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Justice;</li> <li>- Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to coordinate implementation , consistent with their respective functions and missions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documents and other printed materials for distribution, and other suitable outreach methods;</li> <li>- Workshops, conferences, training sessions, and informal discussions related to legal matters</li> </ul>	Annually
4.	Conduct outreach and provide information to the public (including detainees, prisoners, individuals subjected to administrative punishment such as reformatories, mandatory education centers, mandatory drug treatment centers)	Ministry of Justice	Committee on Ethnic Minorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials for distribution to include books, leaflets, and other appropriate outreach formats; their translation into minority ethnic languages</li> <li>- Specific information &amp; outreach projects</li> </ul>	Annually
III.	Conduct outreach on Vietnamese achievements in promoting human rights to other countries, international organizations, global regions; at regional and international forums on human rights.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Information and Communication, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Defense, Committee on Ethnic Minorities, Ministry of Home Affairs and relevant ministries and agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documents and other materials for information and outreach;</li> <li>- Report results of holding and participating in international forums, workshops, and conferences</li> </ul>	Annually
IV.	<b>Offer expanded training and refresher programs on the importance of complying with provisions on civil and political rights in ICCPR and related documents, and Vietnamese laws</b>				

1.	Offer training and refresher programs on ICCPR and related documents to experts and government employees involved with legislation at ministries and expert agencies in the central government; the rapporteur on legislation in the central government; and investigating officials	Ministries and expert agencies, consistent with their respective functions and missions	Governments of provinces and governments of cities under the authority of the Central Government to coordinate implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions	- Report results of training the trainer courses, training courses, and refreshers; - Documents, training programs	Annually
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2.	Train and refresh knowledge related to ICCPR; develop documents for experts and government employees involved with prosecution and adjudication.	Supreme Court, Supreme Procuracy to lead implementation within their respective functions and missions.		- Report results of courses to train the trainers, training courses, and refresher courses; - Training documents and programs	Annually
3.	Conduct outreach and education on ICCPR provisions to change the attitude and views of teachers, education officials, and trainees and students.	- Hồ Chí Minh National Political Institute - Supreme Court & Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their functions and missions.	Ministries: Education and Training; Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs; Justice; Finance, Defense, Public Security, Foreign Affairs, and relevant organizations identified by leading agency	- Books used in classes at various levels; books used for additional reference, materials for training the trainers, refresher materials; - Workshops, conferences, training sessions, informal discussions	Annually
<b>D.</b>	<b>Conduct international collaborative activities, study applicable international agreements, and carry out periodic reporting tasks required under ICCPR and as recommended by the UN Human Rights Committee</b>				
I.	Implement periodic reporting required under ICCPR and as recommended by the UN Human Rights Committee	- Ministries and agencies according to assignments in plans; - Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to lead in developing content consistent with their respective functions and missions.		Status reports: initial, final	Annually or as needed

II.	Increase international collaboration to improve the effectiveness of implementing ICCPR and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee, including participating in meetings of the UN Human Rights Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministries and agencies, consistent with their respective functions and missions;</li> <li>- Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to lead implementation, consistent with their respective functions and missions.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International agreements and collaborative programs.</li> <li>- Report results of holding and participating in international forums, workshops, conferences, and discussions on ICCPR;</li> <li>- Delegations traveling abroad on official duty.</li> </ul>	Annually
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III.	Continue to study the feasibility of establishing a National Human Rights Agency appropriate to the economic, cultural and social conditions of Vietnam and relevant to the international treaties signed by Vietnam or with Vietnam's participation.	Ministry of Public Security	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report results of the study on the feasibility of establishing a National Human Rights Agency	Year 2022
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**IV. Study the feasibility of participating in related international covenants to better enable civil and political rights**

1.	Study the feasibility of signing on optional ICCPR protocols	Ministry of Justice	Relevant ministries and agencies	Submit the report on feasibility of signing on to the appropriate authority	2022
2.	Study the feasibility of signing on the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	Ministry of Public Security	Relevant ministries and agencies	Report evaluating the feasibility submitted to the appropriate authority	2022

**V. Enable the reporting process for ICCPR and recommendations pursuant to Article 40 of ICCPR and recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee**

1.	Prepare interim reports on activities addressing the 2019 recommendations of the Human Rights Committee	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevant ministries and agencies;</li> <li>- Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with the mission and capability of each entity.</li> </ul>	- Interim report on activities addressing the 2019 recommendations of the Human Rights Committee.	2020
2.	Prepare and defend periodic reports on ICCPR implementation and interim reports requested by the UN Human Rights Committee	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevant ministries and agencies;</li> <li>- Supreme Court and Supreme Procuracy to coordinate, consistent with their respective functions and missions</li> </ul>	Reports submitted to the Human Rights Committee	2022 (Fourth report); - Based on the schedule set by the Human Rights Committee for reports