

Closing remarks
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Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

For 2 hard working days, we have successfully delivered all 4 sessions of the workshop, heard 12 presentations from various central and local government agencies, international organizations and have very active discussions regarding legislative gaps in the current Viet Nam framework on combating travelling child sex offenders. We also have heard very good recommendations for legislation reforms and implementation plan for way forward to better combat travelling child sex offenders in Viet Nam as well as in the region.

All the ideas, opinions from you all were recorded by the secretary group from UNODC Viet Nam and the Ministry of Justice and the minutes of the workshop will be delivered to you all after it has been completed.

In the current situation of child sexual abuse in travel and tourism in Viet Nam, I highly value the workshop on the legal framework for combating child sex tourism organized in Do Son, Hai Phong which is considered as one of the potential hotspots of child sex tourism in Viet Nam. I hope that, the workshop's outcomes will contribute to an active role in the fight against child sex tourism in Viet Nam as well as in the region. It is also a great honour and pleasure for the Ministry of Justice to be given the opportunity to be one of main implementing agencies of the Project Childhood (Protection Pillar).

On behalf of the Ministry of Justice of Viet Nam, I would like to thank UNODC for co-organizing the workshop. I also extend my thanks to AusAID for financial support for the workshop, and would like to thank all participants for their active participation. I am looking forward to further future cooperation with all of you relating to this important issue.

I now declare the workshop closed.