## OPENING REMARKS OF H.E. LE QUANG HUY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT AT THE "NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION – GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY"

(PM 22 November 2022, Pan Pacific Hotel, No. 01, Thanh Nien street, Tay Ho district, Ha Noi)

*His Excellency Nguyen Duc Hai, Member of the Central Party's Executive Committee, National Assembly's Vice Chairman,* 

Dear Representatives of the Ethnic Council and Committees of the National Assembly; and Congressmen,

His Excellency Dr. Guido Hildner, Ambassador of the German Embassy to Viet Nam,

Dear Mr. Philipp Munzinger, Programme Director, GIZ Energy Support Programme

Dear Mr. Simon Rolland, Regional Director of the Clean, Affordable and Secure Energy (CASE) Program for the South East Asia,

Dear Representatives of ministries, experts and distinguished guests,

First of all, on behalf of the National Assembly's Committee on Science, Technology and Environment (the CSTE of NA), I would like to send warmest greetings to Congressmen, experts, representatives of ministries and international guests attending the *National Dialogue* on "Sustainable Energy Transition - Governance, Finance and Technology" today.

I would like to send my special thanks to His Excellency (H.E) Nguyen Duc Hai, National Assembly's Vice Chairman, for his attendance, opening remarks, and orientation for this event; my special thanks to H.E. Dr. Guido Hildner, the German Ambassador to Viet Nam for giving the opening speech and co-chair this event.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

Climate change is the global issue and the great challenge for humanity and increasingly complex development. Responding to climate change has been one of the urgent tasks for almost countries and the international community. Although the world is facing many issues, the importance of climate change continued to highlighted at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) which just ended a few days ago. The presence of many national leaders, more than 33,000 delegates from the 195 member-countries of the UN-COP, thousands of agencies, organizations, press and media has affirmed the importance, urgency and concern of nations and international organizations.

Sustainable energy transition is an inevitable trend globally that Viet Nam has promptly grasped and strongly promoted. This transition aims to reducing greenhouse gas emission, climate change response, the Earth's climate system protection, ensuring energy security and minimising impacts on socio-economic development. This process requires great efforts of Viet Nam along with the international supports to solve challenges and gaps in policy, governance, finance and technology. Also, it requires a suitable and feasible plan and roadmap to achieve Net-zero target.

The National Assembly of Viet Nam, together with other politics agencies have always paid attention and been active in formulating and completing policies, regulations and supervision tasks to implement international commitments, national strategies and plan on response and adaptation to climate change. The Committee on Science, Technology and Environment is a committee of the National Assembly (the CSTE of NA), which is assigned and performs the duties and authorities to preside over, appraisal support, supervise, propose the policies and regulation implementation related to climate change response and sustainable energy development in general. In his opening remarks, H.E. Nguyen Duc Hai, National Assembly's Deputy President, emphasized that in 2022 - 2023, the CSTE of NA is in charge for directly assisting the Standing Committee of the National Assembly to its Supervision Delegation to complete a thematic supervision on "*The implementation of policies and regulations on energy development in the period of 2016 – 2021*".

In order to perform our duties and functions, we highly appreciate the support of international organisations and countries both in the region and over the world in experience exchange, providing consulting experts for institutional enhancement, promoting potentials and mobilizing resources for sustainable energy development and climate change response. We are very keen on comprehensive policy solutions including governance, finance and technology to successful energy transition towards justice, equity, secure for Viet Nam's sustainable development.

At today's event, the delegates will update the COP27's highlights; exchange, discuss and share experiences of the Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia and other regional countries on energy transition roadmap towards Net-zero, the role of science, technology and finance in promoting energy transition, and etc. to have recommendations for the energy transition in Viet Nam.

In addition, we would like to order you to review the outline of the supervision report of the National Assembly Standing Committee on the "Implementation of policies and laws on energy development in the 2016 – 2021 period", which was already sent to you, as preparing speech and discussion. These contribute to provide additional information, scientific evidences and practical contributions to the key thematic contents of this important supervision topic.

## With this in mind, we would like to ask you to pay attention on discussion and exchange about the main topics as followings:

(1) Global energy transition trends, key impacts and international experiences (especially experiences in policy making, legal and regulatory framework development, and monitoring the execution of policies and regulations) and lessons learned for Viet Nam.

(2) Status of energy transition in Viet Nam, especially in sectoral development planning for some energy sub-sectors such as power, coal, oil and gas; challenges, opportunities, issues concerned and solutions. Accordingly, it is essential to clarify the energy investment, supply and demand, and energy security, satisfaction of requirements for energy efficiency, carbon pricing and carbon market development, emission standard and reduction of fossil fuel consumption, mitigation of socio-economic impacts of the energy transition, labour market transition, renewable energy uptake, low carbon transport sector development, energy infrastructure such as enhancing transmission grid, smart grid, energy storage and reserve, LNG infrastructure, etc.

(3) Assessment of impacts of the energy development on ecological environment, biodiversity, and status of greenhouse gas emission; sustainability of the energy sector of Viet Nam; and environmental protection measures and etc.

(4) Carbon-neutral/ Net-zero pathway in the coming time. Outputs and possibility to achieve emission commitment by 2050 of Viet Nam at COP26; and its difficulties, challenges and solutions.

(5) The role of international cooperation, technical, governing, financial and technological assistance in promoting the sustainable and just energy transition in emerging

economies including Viet Nam, in particular, the role of international organisations, financial institutions and developed countries through Long-term Climate Finance (LTF) mechanism, and financial funds such as Adaptation Fund (AF); Green Climate Fund (GCF); Global Environment Fund (GEF) and Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP), among others.

(6) Recommendations, suggestions and solutions to address and overcome obstacles and shortcomings in regulatory and policy framework of Viet Nam, and the enactment relevant to governance, finance and technology, technology transfer, qualified human resource training, etc., for energy sector development.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

Your opinions, discussion and sharing in this event today will definitely be useful and valuable information and materials for the National Assembly, subordinate bodies and the Supervision Delegation of the National Assembly Standing Committee of Viet Nam on energy development, and relevant for the CSTE of NA, members of the National Assembly and relevant authorities in implementing functions and tasks as regulated. I also hope that the event today not only provides chance for open sharing and exchange of experience on the themed topic but also contributes to connecting to create more chances and other policy forum platforms in the coming time to promote the cooperation on sustainable energy transition in Viet Nam.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks to H.E. Nguyen Duc Hai, Deputy President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, H.E. Dr. Ambassador Guido Hildner, Mr. Simon Rolland, CASE Regional Director and all distinguished guests for spending time and sharing with us in this event. My thanks also go to the Program on Clean, Affordable and Secure Energy (CASE) for Southeast Asia, the German Cooperation and Development Agency (GIZ), the German Embassy to Viet Nam and other relevant authorities for joining efforts to organise and communicate about this dialogue. May you be happy and healthy. May the dialogue be successful.

Thank you./.