

Viet Nam – Poland Joint Statement

1. At the invitation of H.E. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the President of the Republic of Poland H.E. Andrzej Duda and Spouse paid a state visit to Viet Nam from 27 to November 30, 2017.
2. During the visit, President Andrzej Duda held talks with President Tran Dai Quang; met with H.E. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, the Prime Minister, President Andrzej Duda also attended the Poland - Viet Nam Business Forum and launched the Foreign Trade Office of the Polish Agency of Investment and Trade in Ho Chi Minh City.
3. The President of the Republic of Poland was accompanied by representatives of the Polish government: Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Science and Higher Education H.E. Jarosław Gowin, Minister of the Environment H.E. Jan Szyszko, Parliamentarians, Secretary of State in the Office of the President of the Republic of Poland and Undersecretaries of State in the Office of the President, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development as well as a business delegation made up of 65 representatives of companies from various sectors.
4. The meetings and discussions took place in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding. At the talks, President Tran Dai Quang and President Andrzej Duda informed each other of the political and socio-economic situation and foreign policy priorities of their respective countries, discussed specific measures to promote bilateral relations and international as well as regional issues of mutual concern.
5. President Tran Dai Quang underlined that Viet Nam always attaches great importance to the development of traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation with Central and Eastern European countries, among which Poland is a priority. The Vietnamese President congratulated Poland on important achievements in national development and European integration. President Andrzej Duda commended the successes achieved by the Vietnamese people in socio-economic development and international integration.
6. The two leaders noted with satisfaction the positive development of the traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation during the 67-year history of relations between Viet Nam and Poland. The two sides welcomed the undertaking of high-

level political dialogues as well as frequent exchanges of delegations between the two countries' Parliaments, Ministries, Agencies and Localities to demonstrate political will and create the momentum to further develop bilateral cooperation in various fields of mutual interest.

7. The two Sides highly appreciated the encouraging result of trade and investment cooperation, reaffirming their determination to work together to increase bilateral trade turnover, develop the trade between the two countries in a balanced and harmonious way according to the market rules and to create all necessary, favourable conditions for each other to explore the market and investment opportunities. The two sides agreed to establish the coordination mechanism on economy with a view of maximizing the two countries' cooperation potential in the fields of trade and investment as referred to in the signed MoU between the Minister of Economic Development and Finance of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on economic cooperation. President Tran Dai Quang welcomed the inauguration of the Foreign Trade Office of the Polish Agency of Investment and Trade in Ho Chi Minh City during the visit which will facilitate trade, business and investment cooperation between the two countries' businesses.

8. The two sides welcomed the signing of the Framework Agreement between the Government of Viet Nam and the Government of the Republic of Poland on Financial Cooperation, which provides legal basis for the implementation of cooperation projects funded by the ODA loan of 250 million Euros, granted to Viet Nam by the Government of the Republic of Poland. Both sides affirmed their determination to actively coordinate and effectively implement various projects using Poland's preferential credit.

9. The two sides highly value the well-established relations in the area of education and both leaders noted with appreciation the signing of Agreement between the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam and the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland on cooperation in higher education, in which both sides agreed to increase the number of student scholarships granted to each other to 20 per annum. The two leaders also agreed to soon begin negotiations on the Agreement on mutual recognition of academic degrees.

10. The two Sides expressed their satisfaction on signing the Intent Letter on the Polish language training possibilities between the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education and Hanoi University. In this regard the two Leaders expressed their desire to promote Polish language courses in Viet Nam to allow better connectivity between the peoples of Viet Nam and Poland.

11. The two sides agreed to share experiences and strengthen cooperation in the areas of agriculture, natural resources and environment; welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam and the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Poland on cooperation in the fields of natural resources and environment and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland on agricultural cooperation.

12. The two sides emphasized the importance of bilateral cooperation in the field of science - technology and information - communication amidst the advent of the Global Industry 4.0; the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Viet Nam News Agency and the Polish News Agency (PAP) represents a concrete step taken by both sides to keep bilateral relationship abreast of the trend.

13. The two sides agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of culture and tourism; strengthening experience sharing in the field of conservation, restoration of monuments and promotion of heritage values, especially those recognized by UNESCO.

14. The two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in the field of defence, especially defence industry, military training, experience sharing and cooperation in the UN peacekeeping operations, as well as neutralizing the effects of war.

15. Both Leaders shared the deep concern over the real threats posed by terrorism, extremism, illicit drugs trafficking and other transnational, organized crime to the world. Both sides reached mutual understanding that strengthening of the cooperation in countering these threats is needed.

16. President Andrzej Duda affirmed that the Republic of Poland, as a key member of the European Union, will support and promote the early signing and ratification of the Viet Nam – EU Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA). President Tran Dai Quang

confirmed that Viet Nam is ready to support the Republic of Poland in strengthening cooperation with ASEAN and its member countries.

17. The two sides agreed to intensify their coordination and mutual support on international and regional issues of mutual concern and interest, as well as to cooperate more closely in multilateral organizations and forums, especially within the UN system, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and ASEAN-EU. Poland thanked Vietnam for its support in the elections for the non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council that took place in June 2017 and reiterated its support for Vietnam in election for non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the years 2020-2021. The two sides pledged to promote respect for and compliance with international law, advocating the maintenance of peace, stability, security, freedom of navigation and overflight; stressed the importance of settling disputes by peaceful means, fully respecting the diplomatic and legal process, in accordance with international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS 1982).

18. President Tran Dai Quang thanked and expressed his hope that Poland will continue to support the Vietnamese community living and doing business in Poland, in integrating with the local society but also preserving the Vietnamese language, identity and culture. President Andrzej Duda expressed his high appreciation for the Vietnamese community's contribution to connecting the two countries and expressed his wish for the Vietnamese community in Poland to develop and further contribute to the friendship and cooperation between Viet Nam and Poland.

19. The two sides expressed their satisfaction with the outcomes of President Andrzej Duda's state visit to Viet Nam. The two sides viewed this visit as a political event of great significance in strengthening the traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation between Viet Nam and Poland.

President Andrzej Duda expressed his sincere thanks for the warm welcome that Viet Nam has extended to the President and the high-level delegation of the Republic of Poland. President Andrzej Duda invited President Tran Dai Quang and Spouse to pay a state visit to Poland at a convenient time. President Tran Dai Quang accepted the invitation with pleasure. The timing of the visit will be arranged by the two sides through the diplomatic channel.