## Vietnamese Law Society - VILAS

## STATEMENT OF VIETNAMESE LAW SOSIETY for

## MODIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF CURRENT REGIME IN VIETNAM

Before the announcement and get people's opinions on the draft amendment of the 1992 Constitution of the ruling regime in Vietnam, Vietnamese Law Society, an association of former students of Vietnamese jurisprudence that needs to declare the awareness and the following opinions:

1.-Constitution is a fundamental legal foundation to build political regime in accordance with the will of the people, must be made or amended by the National Assembly composed of delegates elected by the people in a free and fair election.

However, the draft amendment to the Constitution in 1992 based on the previous Constitution, all from a Communist Party Congress elected to send people to, mostly members of the Communist Party, in this election there is no freedom and democracy. Therefore, the amendment to the Constitution was still not by a Congress elected by Vietnamese people and for the Vietnamese people, but absolutely by a Congress of the Vietnamese Communist Party and therefore, did not meet the wishes of all people. Therefore both form and content Draft amendments to the Constitution are null and void for the people.

2. In a democracy, the rule of law, the ultimate sovereignty belongs to the people, with the rights and obligations of citizens, organizational structure and operating principles of government are fully specified of the Constitution. Principle of separation of powers and diversity are reflected in the Constitution as the way to protect the full and effective implementation of democratic rights, livelihoods and basic human rights for all citizens. People are subject the Country. Including the military Army is a tool of the people, to work and to equal pay of the people, only the responsibility to serve the people and absolute loyalty to the country.

Draft amendments to the Constitution were retained Article 4 of the Constitution, as well as correct and not change in other terms, for the continued strengthening of the monopoly, the monopoly position for the Vietnamese Communist Party, in a totalitarian regime. Therefore, only own review of Article 4

of the Constitution is enough to see the intention of the current government in Vietnam is negative all the operating principles of government and political activities in a democracy, the rule of law, deprived of all democratic freedoms, human and fundamental human rights, which are the natural, sacred, inviolable and more cannot be the gift of authorities given to the people.

The constitutional provisions for a single party in power in the draft amendments to the Constitution are unconstitutional. So that all political parties must stand outside the Constitution, operating within the framework of the Constitution and national laws, all political parties have equal opportunity to power through election and free elections.

3.-The introduction of the draft constitutional amendment to the people for comments, in fact as well as the fact that only the effects of political art deceived familiar totalitarian regime in Vietnam as well as in the country claiming the socialist regime or communist.

So that once the Constitution is amended by parliament, to be effective, people must be ready by the decisions free choice, directly, enclosed in a referendum universal suffrage. While taking input from people here is for reference only perfunctory, forms, with the referendum on a constitutional democracy in the country taking into account the decisions of the people through the ballot of them.

4. – Vietnamese Law Society India fully supports the stance, the views of individuals and organizations, political organizations, social, religious, domestic and foreign, have voiced criticism against, boycotts and exposing the dark intentions, the effects of political art deceived familiar Communist Party of Vietnam and the public agencies party tools, through fixing Constitution 1992, that still does not change the political from dictatorial party rule through democracy, the rule of law in accordance with the will of the people, the premise to get the country out of economic stagnation, moral degradation, cultural, educational and exit Chinese from submission to possible dehydration.

This statement was made to read today, in the annual traditional meeting "Spring Reunion 2013 Alumni of the Faculty of Law of Vietnam" in Houston, Texas, United States, to send to all the people of Vietnam and overseas. This Statement is written in both Vietnamese and English languages to send to the

United Nations, and to democratic governments in the World to know and support the Human Rights and struggle for democracy in Vietnam.

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