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Viet Nam – Further statement on UPU
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The government of **VIET NAM** asks me to circulate the following statement for the attention of all Union member countries and their designated operators:

"Further to UPU International Bureau circular No. 30 of 24 February 2014, published at the request of the Government of Viet Nam and concerning the issuance by China (People's Rep.) of a set of two first-day covers containing six regular stamps titled "Beautiful China", in which there is one picture of small islands of the Hoang Sa (Paracel) Archipelago of Viet Nam, Viet Nam reiterates that the issuance of these postage stamps constitutes a violation of the territorial sovereignty of Viet Nam over the Hoang Sa (Paracel) Archipelago.

"In this regard, the Government of Viet Nam would like to inform that all international postal items to Viet Nam bearing the above-mentioned postage stamps will be handled in accordance with the national legislation of Viet Nam as well as the provisions of article 24.2 of the Universal Postal Convention."

Yours faithfully,

Murray Buchanan
Director of Economic and Regulatory Affairs