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Dear Hon Alastair Nicholson,

I am writing to share the good news that Viet Nam has established its first ever specialised children's court – the Family and Juvenile Court.

At the end of last week, the President of Viet Nam promulgated the *Law on the Organization of the Supreme People's Court*, which was passed by the National Assembly of Viet Nam on 24 November 2014. Under this Law the Family and Juvenile Court is established.

The creation of a specialised court for children in Viet Nam has been a long journey, representing over 10 years of work by UNICEF with the strong support and assistance of partners, organisations and colleagues like yourself.

Allow me to express my thanks, on behalf of UNICEF, for your contributions to this effort. Without your support today's achievement would not have been possible.

UNICEF will continue to work with the Supreme People's Court and relevant Government Agencies to ensure that the Family and Juvenile Court becomes operational and is able to play a central and effective role in the realisation of the rights of all children in Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely,



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