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## The German Government and the Ministry of Transport Launch Project to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Transport Sector

**Hanoi, March 15, 2021** – Vietnam’s Vice Minister of Transport (MoT), Mr. Le Anh Tuan and First Secretary/Deputy Head of Development Cooperation at the German Embassy, Ms. Helene Paust, co-chaired a kick-off meeting this morning for a project that aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transport sector.

The “Support the Ministry of Transport to implement Viet Nam’s NDC under the framework of the NDC Transport Initiative for Asia” (NDC-TIA) Project will contribute to the implementation of Vietnam’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement on climate change.

*“Last September 2020, Viet Nam completed the update of NDC and was one of the first 20 countries to submit its updated NDC to the UNFCCC Secretariat. Compared to the first NDC submitted in 2015, the mitigation contribution of the updated NDC has increased. Viet Nam has committed to reduce its total GHG emissions by 9% compared to the Business-as-usual (BAU) scenario and by up to 27% with international support received through bilateral and multilateral cooperation,”* said Mr. Le Anh Tuan.

The NDC-TIA Project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI), and jointly implemented by GIZ in collaboration with the MoT’s Department of the Environment, the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), and the World Resources Institute (WRI). The goal of the project is to support the design of a legal framework on low-carbon transport, enhance stakeholders’ capacity, and reduce GHG emissions.

The project will provide technical support to the Ministry of Transport to: (1) build mechanisms, policies and a roadmap on e-mobility development at national and city levels, promoting the introduction and sustainable development of advanced, modern and zero-emissions electric vehicles in Viet Nam; (2) build GHG emissions mitigation scenarios for the transport sector to 2050 in the direction of low-carbon development and integration into Viet Nam’s NDC; (3) develop regulations on energy efficiency for road motor vehicles; and (4) develop an online system for the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of GHG emissions and mitigation measures for transport sub-sectors including road, rail, inland waterways, maritime, and aviation to enhance transparency regarding GHG emissions in the transport sector.

Rapid economic growth, urbanization, and motorisation have resulted in higher traffic volumes in Viet Nam. *“With its 2020 NDC, Viet Nam has shown its intention to mitigate climate change. I wish the NDC-TIA Project great success as it works to strengthen the policy framework for low-carbon development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in transport, which together will make a significant contribution to Viet Nam’s ambitious NDC,”* said Ms. Helene Paust.

The meeting was attended by more than 80 representatives from the Ministry of Transport and other relevant ministries, departments, directorates, authorities, and departments of transport from big cities and provinces. The meeting also had the honour of welcoming virtual presentations from the ICCT and the WRI. During the meeting, participants exchanged experiences on the development of electric mobility, fuel economy, and the development of low-carbon transport. These exchanges will make an important contribution to the effective implementation of the project.

Funding for the project, which is expected to run until the end of December 2023, is being provided by the German Federal Government through EUR 4,000,000 in non-refundable ODA managed and disbursed through GIZ, with an in-kind contribution of EUR 400,000 from Viet Nam through human resources and facilities provided by the Ministry of Transport.

More information on the Paris Climate Agreement:

At the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted the Paris Agreement calling for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction to limit global warming to “well-below-2-degrees Celsius”. This historic agreement serves as the first global legal basis binding the responsibilities of all Parties in joint efforts to combat climate change. The implementation of each Party's responsibilities for climate change response is primarily reflected through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

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