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To: Foreign NGOs and International Organizations operating in Vietnam

Ref.: Emergency Relief to victims of the Mekong River Flood in South Vietnam

Dear friends,

Flooding across the fertile Mekong Delta region is recorded as the most serious one over the past ten years, causing serious damages to people's lives, properties and infrastructure. Serious losses include 46 deaths, 80,686 houses collapsed, and thousands of houses and schools submerged, with a total estimated loss of 950 billion VND (according to the latest report of the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control). The most heavily hit provinces include Dong Thap and An Giang. However, some other provinces such as Vinh Long, Long An, Can Tho and Tien Giang have also been considerably affected. To overcome consequences, necessary measures have been taken by Vietnamese central and local authorities together with efforts of mass organizations and people across the country to help affected people stabilize their lives and resume production in the wake of the flood (*Please see the attached reports of damages and needs of emergency relief from flooded provinces*).

The People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) would like to seek your consideration in helping the people in such circumstances and supporting them to overcome difficulties and recover their livelihood. PACCOM will work in close collaboration with central and local agencies, INGOs and international organizations to update information, conduct needs assessment, support the undertaking of emergency actions, and discuss follow-up assistance plans.

Your prompt reply and cooperation would be highly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the provinces or PACCOM (at tel: (84)-4-38436936; fax: (84)-4-38452007; email: vantran@pacom.org.vn or tkhanh_van@yahoo.com)

The People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) looks forward to your timely response and takes this opportunity to appreciate your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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