THE RETURN OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

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1990: EVACUATION OF OVER 17,000 VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN IRAQ

2006: RETURN OF OVER 400 VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LEBANON

2011: RETURN OF MORE THAN 10,000 VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA
OPERATION TO EVACUATE VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

FORECAST AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

COORDINATION MECHANISM
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DECEMBER 2010: Complicated situation in Tunisia and in the region

- MOFA reported to the Prime Minister
- MOFA instructed Vietnamese Embassies in Tunisia and Egypt

FEBRUARY 2011: Escalating tensions in Libya → A possible civil war

- MOFA coordinated with relevant Ministries and agencies to seek joint solutions
- MOFA instructed Vietnamese Embassies to closely follow the situation and protect Vietnamese nationals
COOPERATION MECHANISM

- Steering Committee
- 5 working groups
- Frontline headquarters
- Vietnamese Embassies
STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS IN LIBYA

Established on February 24, 2011

Chairman was Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Pham Gia Khiem

Vice Chairwoman was Minister of War Invalids and Social Affairs

Officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of War Invalids and Social Affairs, Ministry of Transportation, Vietnam Airlines, etc.
5 WORKING GROUPS

- **Malta**: Establish frontline headquarters in Djerba, Tunisia
- **Tunisia (Djerba)**: Set up air bridge with 7 continuous and safe flights (plus 3 flights from Egypt, Turkey, and Algeria)
- **Turkey**: Provide shelter, food; mobilize financial support of IOM and UNHCR; persuade local authorities to grant entries and exits to those who do not have passports
OUTCOMES

09 days

- Safely returned more than 10,000 workers from Libya.
### POLICY ASSISTING VIETNAMESE WORKERS RETURNING FROM LIBYA

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT**
- Loans from National Employment Fund for vocational training courses
- Job offers and priority selection for working overseas
- 16,000 vacancies in the construction sector

**AID RELIEF**
- VND 1 million (VND 20,000 = US$ 1) per returnee
- Further aid categorized by 4 levels

**EXTENDED REPAYMENT TERMS**
- Returnees working in Libya for less than 6 months would have repayment extended if they could not pay off pay debts
LESSONS LEARNED

- Forecasting
- Coordinating among agencies
- Mobilizing support from international organizations and relevant governments
THANK YOU!