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**Vice President Attends NGO Assistance
Workshop**

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[Text] Hanoi VNA Nov. 16—A workshop on the assistance of the non-governmental organisation (NGO) to Vietnam was held here today.

Present were Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, vice president of the republic and president of the Vietnam Union of Organizations for Peace, Solidarity and Friendship

(UOPSF) Nguyen Dy Nien, deputy foreign minister and ministers and vice ministers of the concerned services.

Also present were representatives of 54 NGOs, or various foreign embassies and United Nations agencies in Hanoi.

In her opening speech, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh said: "The relations between Vietnam and NGOs have seen new steps of development which conform with the open-door foreign policy of the Vietnamese state, and with the objectives of NGOs which is to help people in the southern part of the globe [as received] overcome poverty and backwardness, and build a good material and spiritual life. [no closing quotation marks as received]"

She expressed her hope that the result of the workshop would contribute to further promoting the effectiveness of the non-governmental aid to Vietnam.

The participants heard Mr. Nguyen Van Thanh, vice president of the UOPSF, reporting on Vietnam and NGO relations, Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien reporting on Vietnam's foreign policy, Mr. Michel P. Gautier, acting representative of UNDP [United Nations Development Program] in Hanoi reporting on the UN aid programme to Vietnam and also a report on NGO's humanitarian aid to Vietnam in the past years as well as the outstanding questions to be overcome in order to make NGO's aid more effective.