Prime Minister Singapore

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Dear Prime Minister Dung,

On behalf of the Government of Singapore, I convey our best wishes and greetings to you and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Vietnam.

Relations between our two countries have continued to strengthen since we first established ties. We are close partners in both regional and international fora. Within ASEAN, we have worked together to advance our integration efforts. Bilaterally, our relations are underpinned by close interactions and exchanges at the political level, as well as the Framework Agreement on Singapore-Vietnam Connectivity, which has brought economic cooperation to new heights. Our relations have also broadened and deepened across other sectors over the years. including in education, defence, law and culture. At the people-to-people level, more Singaporeans are visiting Vietnam and some are even learning the language. Likewise, we welcome the increasing number of Vietnamese who visit Singapore to study, work and play.

Relations between Singapore and Vietnam look set to improve further. I look forward to continue working with Your Excellency to achieve this in the years to come.

Yours Sinceroly

HE Nguyen Tan Dung **Prime Minister** Socialist Republic of Vietnam