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The 21st session of the U.S.-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue will be held May 23 in Hanoi, Vietnam. Acting Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Virginia Bennett and Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General, Vu Anh Quang, will lead their respective delegations in the Dialogue.

The Dialogue will cover a wide range of human rights issues, including the importance of continued progress on legal reform efforts; rule of law; freedoms of expression, association, and assembly; religious freedom; labor rights; disability rights; anti-discrimination; and multilateral cooperation, as well as individual cases of concern.

The promotion of human rights is a crucial part of U.S. foreign policy and a key aspect of our ongoing dialogue within the U.S.-Vietnam Comprehensive Partnership. Progress on these issues will enable our relationship to reach its fullest potential.

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