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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM  
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at the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> UPR Working Group on the Republic of Korea  
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Madam President,

Let us start by joining other delegations to warmly welcome the delegation of the Republic of Korea led by H.E..... and thank him for his excellent and concise presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR national report this afternoon.

We note with appreciation the seriousness and engagement of the Republic of Korea in the UPR process, that is illustrated by both an effective implementation of her 1<sup>st</sup> UPR and careful 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR report drafting based on broad consultations with stakeholders.

Being a dynamic Asian country able to marry the traditional values with the development, the Republic of Korea has undoubtedly made enormous progress to ensure a better life in all aspects for her citizens. We commend concrete steps undertaken so far in strengthening legal system and improving social welfare. Hence we recommend the Republic of Korea to continue her endeavors in fostering the rule of law and social cohesion.

Much has been done but much more remains to be achieved. We share difficulties encountered by the Republic of Korea, particularly, in ensuring the rights of vulnerable groups. In this connection, we recommend the Republic of Korea to intensify her comprehensive policies and exhaustive plans to guarantee the full enjoyment of human rights of migrant workers, especially women, including combating human trafficking and discrimination in all forms, bearing in mind those people do considerably contribute to the economic and social dynamism.

Finally, we wish the Republic of Korea every success in her UPR 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle.

Thank you, Madam President

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