



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
**by H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative**  
*at the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC WG on UPR of Serbia*  
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Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes and commends the Delegation of the Republic of Serbia led by His Excellency for its detailed presentation this afternoon, reflecting its seriousness in preparing the second UPR.

Serbia has made concrete steps over the last 4 years in protecting and promoting human rights at all level. Viet Nam is pleased to note the continued consolidation in Serbia's legislation and national infrastructure on human rights, including the adoption of numerous laws, national strategies and action plans on gender equality, women's empowerment, child care, migration, social integration for disabled people, housing, education as well as refugee and internal displaced persons.

Viet Nam also commends Serbia's efforts in combating racial discrimination, racism and particularly in ensuring the respect to and the full enjoyment of human rights and human dignity of minority people in the country. Yet, there remain challenges currently confronting the country. Viet Nam believes that Serbia's endeavor to genuinely guarantee the equality, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, throughout her flexible and appropriate measures, would bring soon a promising future of development and prosperity for all people in the country.

In this regard, Viet Nam would like recommend the Republic of Serbia strengthen the rule of law, the social cohesion and promote tolerance, equality for exhaustively guaranteeing human rights for her people, in particular those of vulnerable groups such as women, children and disabled people.

I would like to conclude with our best wishes for Serbia's greater success.

I thank you, Mr. President./.

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