



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM  
By Mr. Vu Duy Tuan, Second Secretary**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR of Slovakia at the  
18th session of the UPR working Group of the Human Rights Council  
(9:00-12:30, Monday, February 03, 2014)

*Madam Vice President,*

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and thanks H.E. State Secretary Peter Javorčík for his detailed presentation of the country's comprehensive report.

Viet Nam commends Slovakia for her engagement and commitment to the UPR process, evidenced by numerous commendable achievements on human rights, including Slovakia's further participation to core international human rights covenants and protocols, harmonization of national laws with those of the EU and the implementation of accepted recommendations on anti-discrimination, elimination of racism and combating human trafficking.

*Madam Vice President,*

Given UPR an evolving process, taking this opportunity, Viet Nam presents two recommendations to Slovakia:

1. Work with the EU and UN for further participation of other important human rights mechanisms, including the protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2. Continue her efforts and momentum on current human rights programmes, with more focus on social inclusion, participation of the Roma, employment opportunity, adequate housing, gender equality and capacity building for national human rights institutions in the country.

Viet Nam wishes Slovakia every success in implementing her second UPR cycle.

Thank you, Madam Vice President./