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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea expresses its warm welcome to the delegation of the Government of Viet Nam and appreciates its efforts to promote and protect human rights since its first UPR.

My delegation acknowledges the Vietnamese Government's sincere efforts to strengthen its legal system and policies on human rights particularly by accelerating the amendment of its Constitution of which the draft text now contains more than 30 new articles designed to promote and protect human rights.

We commend also the Vietnamese Government's efforts to introduce international human rights norms including its signature on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as well as the Convention Against Torture (CAT). We hope that Viet Nam will shortly ratify these instruments.

Bearing this progress in mind, my delegation would like to **recommend Viet Nam to continue to strengthen its efforts to promote and protect fundamental freedom and rights guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** which Viet Nam has ratified.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our heart-felt congratulation to Viet Nam's election to the Human Rights Council.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/