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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of Viet Nam during the 18th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 05 February 2014

Mr. President

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam led by H. E. *Mr. Ha Kim...*
Ngoc, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and congratulates for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the efforts made by Viet Nam in strengthening the legal system and policies for the promotion and protection of human rights. It is encouraging to note that Viet Nam has achieved most of the MDGs before schedule. Progress in poverty reduction, employment creation, and provision of social welfare, health care and education services are noteworthy. Priority attached to gender equality and mainstreaming of women, and protection of the rights of the older population, children and persons with disabilities is commendable.

While wishing Viet Nam all success in its UPR engagement, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue strengthening national mechanisms to promote and protect human rights.
2. Continue efforts to promote and protect the rights of all segments of the population.

Thank you.