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**UPR18/Viet Nam**  
**Statement by Slovakia**  
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Viet Nam for the presentation of the national report on the main human rights achievements since the first UPR cycle. We commend positive approach of the Government with a view to ensure adequate follow-up to the recommendations from the first UPR cycle, including the cooperation with HRC Special Procedures and adoption of new laws which have positive impact on economic and social rights.

There are, however, several areas which remain challenging from the human rights perspective, in particular freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. We invite the Government of Viet Nam to pursue necessary legislative and institutional measures with a view to bring those areas in line with international standards.

Slovakia would like to offer two recommendations to the Government of Viet Nam:

- 1. To ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.**
- 2. To ratify/accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to implement it fully at national level and to accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you.