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Mr. President.

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Viet Nam to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We note with satisfaction that the Government of Viet Nam has taken important steps to address issues that have been raised in its first UPR-cycle in 2009, which demonstrate Viet Nam's commitment to human rights.

We appreciate the accession of Viet Nam to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, as well as to the ILO Convention No.122 on Employment Policy. We recommend the Government of Viet Nam to continue its accession to the international human rights treaties.

Azerbaijan commends Viet-Nam's cooperation with the human rights instruments of the United Nations. The visits of Special Procedures to Viet Nam should be particularly mentioned in that regard. We recommend Viet Nam to continue its active engagement with the human rights mechanisms of UN for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Moreover, Azerbaijan recommends the Government of Viet Nam to continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan assures once again the Delegation of Viet Nam of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.