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Recommendations by Greece

Thank you M. President,

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of Vietnam to the 18th session of the UPR Working Group headed by H.E.

1. We appreciate all the efforts by the Government of Vietnam to eradicate hunger and reduce poverty. Vietnam has made progress in this field and we would like to ask the delegation to share with us more information on the measures taken after the first cycle review. We recommend that Vietnam continue efforts in a systematic way to ensure eradication of hunger and extreme poverty.
2. (We welcome the many positive steps regarding women's rights. We recommend that the Government of Vietnam undertake a nation-wide campaign to fully inform women of their rights in all spheres of private and public life.)
3. We would like to express our concern regarding freedom of expression and freedom of association and assembly in Vietnam. We recommend that Vietnam adopt measures to end prosecution of peaceful protesters. We also recommend that Vietnam issue a standing invitation to all special procedures.
4. Moreover, we recommend that the Government of Vietnam consider ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
5. Finally, we express our strong concern regarding the fact that Vietnam still applies the death penalty and recommend that the Government consider its abolition in the near future.

Thank you M. President