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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 16th Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Vietnam**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan welcomes the esteemed delegation of Vietnam in the 18th session of the Working Group on UPR and thanks them for the presentation of the National Report today.

In this connection the delegation of Kazakhstan takes note signing by the Government of Vietnam the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratifying the Convention on Transnational Organized Crimes and other important documents.

It is worth also mentioning the positive steps of the Vietnamese Government in the fields of human rights education among the governmental bodies, of securing the freedom of religion or belief, of social welfare and healthcare provision due to outstanding economic growth rates.

To this end, our delegation recommends:

1. To further develop the quality of education and healthcare policies in the country.
2. To continue efforts in acceding to the international human rights treaties, in particular the Convention against torture.
3. To continue policies aimed at reducing inequalities in access to the full enjoyment of human rights by all the social groups with special attention paid to women, children and persons with disabilities.

Thank you!