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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Viet Nam**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. Ha kim Ngoc and his delegation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia commends the progress made by Viet Nam in the promotion and protection of human rights since its first UPR review. My delegation is also pleased to note that our recommendations made during Viet Nam's first review relating to law reforms were accepted by Viet Nam. We are pleased to note that significant progress has been made in this area as highlighted in its national report. Commendable progress has also been made in the areas of human rights education, social welfare, education, hunger eradication and poverty reduction, among others.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to recommend Viet Nam to continue to enhance the rule of law, the legal and judicial system and mechanisms in the country in order to promote and protect human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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