

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Maung Wai
Permanent Representative of Myanmar
at UPR Working Group Session on Vietnam
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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the Vietnamese delegation and would like to thank them for their national report and the comprehensive presentation.

My delegation congratulates Vietnam for the significant progress it has achieved in poverty reduction and the health programs for children.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- To take effective measures to better guarantee the rights of vulnerable groups, especially women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and ethnic minorities
- To increase education on human rights to raise public awareness and the capacity of relevant legal agencies to better ensure the rights and basic freedoms of the people within the nation's rule of law
- To deepen grass-roots democracy and better facilitate the right of the people to participate in the formulation and implementation of policies, as well as the participation of political and social organizations in the realm of human rights

As a fellow ASEAN country, my delegation wishes Vietnam a great success in this round of the Review.

I thank you, Mr. President.
