

**Statement of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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Review of Colombia*

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*Mister President,*

Viet Nam warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Colombia for the presentation of the national report.

We commend Colombia’s efforts and achievements in adopting and implementing national action plans and policies for safeguarding and advancing human rights, including the National Development Plan for the period 2022–2026.

In a spirit of constructive dialogue, Viet Nam would like to put forward the following recommendations to Colombia:

1. Take effective measures to prevent and combat hate speech, incitement to racial discrimination and expressions of racism.
2. Strengthen supportive mechanisms for women and girls who have been victims of trafficking.
3. Intensify efforts to promote the enrollment and retention of girls in school, with a special focus on those residing in remote areas.

 In conclusion, Viet Nam wishes Colombia every success with this UPR cycle.

*Thank you, Mister President./.*

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