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Mr. President,

Cyprus warmly welcomes the delegation of Vietnam and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Cyprus commends the positive steps undertaken by Vietnam since its third review, in particular the adoption of its first-ever National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security and the proclamation by the Ministry of Health that being LGBTI is not an illness and not subject to “treatment”. We are pleased to note the development of new policies to improve the quality of healthcare services for the elderly, children, and persons with disabilities.

Cyprus recommends that Vietnam:

1. Decrease the number of crimes subject to death penalty;
2. Take further legislative action to ensure the right to freedom of religion or belief;
3. Consider ratifying the Convention on Discrimination in Education.

We wish Vietnam a successful review.

Thank you.