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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Vietnam for its presentation.

Denmark recognizes Vietnam’s significant strides in socio-economic rights, as illustrated by the 2023 Voluntary National Review of Vietnam’s SDG progress. However, we areconcerned about the regression of basic civil liberties and civil society space since Vietnam’s last UPR.

*Denmark recommends* Vietnam to:

1. *Revise Decree 80 and decision 06/2020/QD-TTg, which are directly hindering the operations of NGOs in Vietnam, to make them consistent with Articles 19 and 22 of the ICCPR.*
2. *Revise the Law on Religion and Belief to allow all independent religious institutions to freely practice their religion in compliance with Article 18 of the ICCPR.*
3. *Ratify OPCAT.*

I thank you.