**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY GHANA DURING THE**

**UPR WORKING GROUP ON TUESDAY, 7TH MAY, 2024**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

2. We welcome the delegation of Viet Nam and commend their encouraging progress since the last review in 2019. We also recognise Viet Nam’s proactive programmes aimed at ensuring that human rights and citizens’ rights are respected, guaranteed and effectively protected, including efforts made to improve the quality of healthcare for vulnerable groups.

3. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following:

1. **Expedite action on the process of establishing a National Human Rights Institution** **for the promotion and protection of human rights;**

**and**

1. **Take effective steps to ensure the full independence of the judiciary from any form of political influence, and ensure its impartiality.**

4. We wish Vietnam success in the review process.

I thank you.