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**UPR 46 - Vietnam**

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Thank you, Mister President.

Italy recognizes the efforts made by Vietnam to implement previous UPR recommendations and welcomes the process of a possible revision of its legislation to align it with international standards, including on persons with disabilities.

Italy would like to recommend to Vietnam to:

        *Further reduce the list of offences punishable by the death penalty, with a view to establishing a moratorium, and consider publishing official data;*

      *Guarantee the right to freedom of expression and opinion, and create an enabling environment for civil society;*

       *Remove obstacles to the freedom of religion or belief and address any act of discrimination and violence against ethnic and religious minority groups;*

        *Strengthen measures to protect children from all forms of violence and abuse.*

We wish Vietnam a successful review.

I thank you.