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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the reforms made in tackling child labour and human trafficking. We also note the achievements in enhancing public access to the Internet and mobile network. However, strict control of the independent media and freedom of expression in the digital space is deeply concerning.

Lithuania wishes to offer Viet Nam the following recommendations:

- One, facilitate favourable conditions for journalists and media workers and independent civil society to freely exercise their rights to freedom of opinion and expression, association, and peaceful assembly without undue State interference and restrictions.

- Two, consider declaring a moratorium on capital punishment and release data about death sentences, notifications and executions.

-Three, enhance efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls.

We wish Viet Nam all success in the current UPR.

I thank you.