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**Statement by His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad SUBEDI, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Nepal at the 46th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Mr. President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Vietnam to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of national report.

We take positive note of the progress made by Viet Nam in achieving SDGs and the significant reduction of poverty.

The measures taken to ensure human rights of women, children and persons with disabilities are appreciable.

In a constructive spirit, Nepal recommends Vietnam the following:

1. Consider ratifying the second optional protocol of ICCPR, aiming at abolition of death penalty.
2. Strengthen measures to combat discrimination and violence against women and girls.

We wish Vietnam a successful UPR.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**