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**Review of Vietnam**

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Statement by Portugal

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Portugal welcomes the delegation of Vietnam and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Portugal commends the adoption of the National Action Plan on the Eradication of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis 2018-2030 and the National Strategy to End AIDS by 2030.

Portugal recommends that **Vietnam**:

1. Formalizes the *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty with a view to a total abolition and ratifies the second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

2. Establishes an independent national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

3. Takes measures to guarantee that the rights to freedom of assembly and association are respected, including by facilitating the conditions and procedures for the establishment of associations and civil society organisations and by ensuring a favourable environment for civil society.

Portugal wishes Vietnam a successful review.

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