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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Republic of Korea commends Viet Nam for its successful endeavors in reducing poverty, promoting social and economic rights and advancing the SDGs.

My delegation applauds the establishment of a research committee to study the possibility of establishing a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), and recommends that the Vietnamese government expedite the process for the establishment of an NHRI.

We also recommend that Viet Nam continue to strengthen its efforts to promote and protect civil and political rights, including freedom of expression.

Thank you.