**Statement by Romania**

**The 46th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Viet Nam**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam and wishes it a successful outcome of the UPR exercise.

We acknowledge the efforts undertaken by Viet Nam in the field of torture prevention, and we encourage multiplying steps in order to improve the effective application of the national law to meet the requirements of the CAT. We also appreciate the adoption of the National Strategy on Gender Equality 2021-2030.

This cycle, Romania would like to constructively recommend Viet Nam to:

1. Continue measures to promote gender equality, through awareness raising and removal of any discriminatory provisions that reinforce gender stereotypes in relation to women and girls;
2. Continue taking measures as to best guarantee the protection and free exercise of freedom of opinion and expression, online and offline, in accordance with international standards;
3. Continue efforts to reduce offences subject to the death penalty, as a step towards abolition of the use of death penalty.