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**Statement by Slovakia**

7 May 2024

Mr. President,

Slovakia **appreciates the efforts** of Viet Nam to promote and protect human rights, however there is a **room for improvement**, especially in areas of **media freedom**, **detention conditions** and **independence of judiciary**.

We raise **concerns** about the deterioration of fundamental freedoms, shrinking **space for civil society** organizations and **criminalization of activists**.

Slovakia offers following **recommendations** to Viet Nam:

1. reconsider the introduction of moratorium on the **death penalty**,
2. enhance the environment for activities of **civil society** and reconsider the **release of sentenced human rights defenders**,
3. improve **detention conditions** based on human rights standards.

We wish Viet Nam a successful review.

Thank you.