

**Statement of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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*Madam President,*

Viet Nam welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Belgium and thanks Belgium for engaging proactively with other states to promote and strengthen the respect for human rights.

 In a constructive spirit, Viet Nam recommends the following to Belgium:

- Enhance efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances with a view to promoting social integration and cohesion.

- In the context of the COVID-19 crisis, mainstream the gender dimension and adopt inclusive measures to better protect the rights of vulnerable persons disproportionately affected by the crisis.

*I thank you, Madam President./.*