**Statement of Hungary on Viet Nam**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam and thanks for the presentation of its national report. We commend that in 2014 Viet Nam ratified the Convention against Torture and in 2015 the National Assembly passed a revised Criminal Procedure Code, effective in January 2018.

We welcome all the efforts made by Viet Nam which have contributed to increasing the momentum of its socio-economic development, and encourage Viet Nam to continue to strengthen the efforts to reduce poverty, improve health facilities, including access to health services for people.

Hungary notes with satisfaction that some prisoners of conscience have been released in Viet Nam. At the same time we would very much welcome if the tendencies moved towards decreasing physical violence against detainees and prisoners.

We also welcome the efforts made by Viet Nam to reduce gender-based violence.

Although Hungary believes that further steps are required in these fields.

Hungary wishes to make the following specific recommendations to Viet Nam:

* Ratify and implement the Optional Protocol to the UNCAT, including by establishing the National Preventive Mechanisms in accordance with the Protocol;
* Revise the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code and criminalise all forms of violence against women; raise public awareness on gender equality and combating discrimination against women and girl; enhance efforts and measures to prevent and combat human trafficking, especially that of women and children;
* Revise the juridical system to provide a safer environment to the victims in case of all crimes.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**