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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 22 January 2019**

Thank you, Mr President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Viet Nam for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands commends Viet Nam for its ratification of the UN Convention against Torture.

The Netherlands **recommends** Viet Nam:

1. To amend, within one year, the 2015 Penal Code, Decree 174/2013, Decree 72/2013, Decree 27/2018, the 2018 Law on cybersecurity and articles 4, 9, 14 and 15 of the 2016 Press Law, to guarantee offline and online freedom of press and expression, and the right to privacy, in line with articles 17 and 19 of the ICCPR.
2. To legalize same-sex marriage before the next UPR.
3. To ensure the freedom of association of workers by ratifying the ILO convention no. 87 within one year.

The Netherlands wishes Viet Nam success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr President.