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**32nd session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Vietnam**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Tuesday January 22, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Vietnam and commends it for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We note with appreciation the achievements of Vietnam in the promotion and protection of human rights since its previous review. We commend them in particular its focus on sustainable multi-dimensional poverty reduction and bridging inequality gaps for improving social and economic wellbeing of its people.

My delegation recommends the Government of Vietnam to:

1. Promote contribution of public media in raising awareness of human rights and human rights law.
2. Continue its efforts to ensure the independence of the Court of Adjudication
3. Strengthen protection of the rights of vulnerable groups such as women and children, in particular in the context of expanding digital space.

We wish Vietnam a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.