**The 32nd Session of the UPR Working Group**

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**Review of Viet Nam**

**Intervention by Romania**

Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the Vietnamese delegation and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

We have noted positively the progress made in many areas since the last UPR cycle, especially those in legal and judicial systems. Also, the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Working Group to review all comments and recommendations following Vietnam's second UPR review in 2014, is an example of the endeavors to comply with international obligations, including with the 2014 UPR recommendations.

Romania would like to make the following recommendations:

* to continue the measures aimed at lifting all restrictions on the right to freedom of opinion and expression and to allow bloggers, journalists and other internet users to promote and protect human rights;
* to continue the process of reduction of offences subject to death penalty, until the abolition of the capital punishment and to publish statistics on the use of death penalty in Vietnam;

We wish Viet Nam every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.