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**UPR32 – Viet Nam**

**Statement by Slovakia**

22 January 2019

Mr. President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam to this UPR session.

Slovakia shares the concerns, including those of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, about a growing trend in arbitrary arrests and detentions, intimidation, harassment and attacks against human rights defenders.

Slovakia, therefore, recommends that Viet Nam:

1. Ensure prompt, impartial, independent and effective investigations, including through full cooperation with the third countries, into reports of unnecessary or excessive use of force by the police as well as violations of human rights by official authorities and bring the perpetrators to justice.
2. Ensure that fair trial guarantees and due process rights, as provided in international law and standards, are respected and upheld in all cases.
3. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
4. Continue building the rule-of-law through pursuing legal reforms in order to consolidate its human rights institutional, legal and policy framework.
5. Continue to strengthen human rights education in order to raise public awareness and capacity of law enforcement agencies.

We wish Viet Nam a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.