

Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, led by H.E. Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Since its first review, Slovakia acknowledges Algeria's ratification of CRPD or the lifting of the state of emergency in 2011 that had been in force for 19 years. We also note Algeria being a de facto abolitionist country, with the last execution carried out in 1993, welcoming that in 2010 Algeria voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 65/206 entitled "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty".

Slovakia would like to present Algeria the following recommendations:

- 1. to introduce efficient legislative and policy measures that would promote gender equality and eliminate gender-based discrimination, including conducting appropriate awareness-raising campaigns to combat traditional negative stereotypes and attitudes on the role of women in society, with particular focus on rural areas,**
- 2. to promote, protect and respect the right to freedom of expression, assembly and association in compliance with country's international HR obligations,**
- 3. to ratify the Rome statute of the International Criminal Court, including its Agreement on Privileges and Immunities, as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.**
- 4. Last, but not least, Slovakia recommends Algeria to consider an early ratification of the newest international HR instrument – the third OP to CRC on a communication procedure.**

I thank you, Mme. President.