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Madame President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ecuador and thanks them for their presentation and for the elaborate responses to the recommendations put forward to Ecuador during the first cycle of the UPR. *We also appreciate the answers provided to our advance questions.*

We further thank the delegation for providing information on steps taken to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and commend Ecuador for steps taken to improve the education system and increase enrollment rate at different levels of education. However, we note that discrepancies in access to education between the general population of Ecuador and the indigenous population persist.

We further note that despite the efforts undertaken by the Government, women, in particularly indigenous women and women of African descent are still subject to de facto discrimination in accessing resources, education and positions.

My delegation would like to put forward the following **recommendations**:

- Increase public awareness about the prohibition of gender discrimination, in particular in the areas of education and employment.
- Take steps to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings.
- Redouble efforts to eliminate child labor.
- Develop a mechanism to gather statistics on education of indigenous groups.

Thank you.