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Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco, led by H.E. Mr. Mustapha Ramid, Minister of Justice, for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia welcomes Morocco's ratification of CRPD and its OP since its first review as well as being among the first group of countries signing the new third OP to CRC on a communication procedure here in Geneva three months ago. We have also taken a positive note the establishment of the National Human Rights Council in March last year as well as country's recent efforts towards integration of the human rights education into school curricula, programmes and manuals.

Slovakia would like to present Morocco the following recommendations:

1. **to revise the Family Code and adopt and implement other appropriate measures to prevent marriages of minors,**
2. **to accelerate efforts to prevent minors from being subjected to forced or hazardous domestic labour,**
3. **to revise the press law to comply with international standards concerning the media freedoms.** We acknowledge the recent announcement on the establishment of a national reform commission.
4. **Last, but not least, Slovakia recommends Morocco to ratify the Rome statute of the International Criminal Court, including its Agreement on Privileges and Immunities.**

I thank you, Mme. President.