

Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of South Africa, led by H.E. Mr. Radhakrishna L. Padayachie, Minister of Public Service and Administration, for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia acknowledges South Africa's efforts in improving an access to prevention, treatment and assistance to people living with HIV, including a new five-year National Strategic Plan for HIV and AIDS, though the situation continues to represent a major challenge. We note with appreciation the ratification of OP-CRC-AC in 2009. At the same time, Slovakia welcomes the functioning of one commissioner dedicated to children's rights within the South African Human Rights Commission. We also commend the country for the establishment of the Ministry and Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities in 2009. As observed by CEDAW, noteworthy are the results obtained in promoting equality for women, especially in the area of political participation - women representing over 40 per cent of parliamentarians and members of the Cabinet, and over 50 per cent of senior management positions in the public service.

Slovakia would like to present South Africa the following recommendations:

- 1. **to adopt and implement appropriate, efficient measures ensuring that all allegations of sexual violence against women and girls are properly registered, prosecuted and their perpetrators duly convicted, including a provision of victims' access to redress and social support services.** Slovakia has taken note, inter alia, of the adoption of the 365-day National Plan of Action to end gender violence.
- 2. **to establish policies and programmes designed to promote the integration of migrants into society and the respect to their rights, including the protection of their physical integrity,**
- 3. **to ensure that all children are issued with a birth certificate in order to access various social services, with particular focus on children of migrants.** Slovakia acknowledges the introduction of the 2010 Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, which allows a birth of a child to be registered after the first 30 days.
- 4. **to accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC,**
- 5. Last, but not least, Slovakia **recommends South Africa 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.