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Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of Tunisia, led by H.E. Mr. Samir Dilou, Minister for Human Rights and Transitional Justice, for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Tunisia has achieved a significant progress in advancing its human rights record since its first review. Slovakia is honoured to contribute to the efforts leading to a democratic, free, secure and prosperous Tunisian state as a member of the Commonwealth of Democracies Task Force. Along financing concrete projects to promote democracy and to strengthen the civil society, Slovakia stands ready to share its experience from transformation in the areas prioritised by the Tunisian government.

Slovakia would like to present Tunisia the following recommendations:

- 1. to continue its judicial system reform leading to an independent judiciary in compliance with established international standards,**
- 2. to continue pursuing policy measures towards media plurality and independence,**
- 3. to fully align Tunisia's national legislation with all obligations arising out of the Rome Statute of the ICC,**
- 4. Last, but not least, Slovakia recommends Tunisia 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.