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UPR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Madame President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom and thanks for the preparation and presentation of the informative national report and for the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia appreciates that the United Kingdom presented a Mid-term progress update on implementation of recommendations. We appreciate as well that the United Kingdom integrated a gender perspective in the UPR review.

We would like to commend the United Kingdom for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Rights of the Child on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and for withdrawing the last two reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Regarding the issue of children of incarcerated parents Slovenia would like to ask the United Kingdom on the steps taken to improve support to these children.

Slovenia would like to put forward the following two recommendations:

- To assess the impact of the minimum age limit for overseas spouses or fiancés on the prevention of forced marriage and to review its policy in this regard,
- To consider withdrawing its declaration to the article 1 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and raising the armed forces minimum recruitment age to 18.

Thank you.