

Mme. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of Argentina for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia commends Argentina for the progress achieved in strengthening the promotion and protection of first generation's human rights in the country under the current country's administration. We perceive positively the search for truth and justice in relation to grave human rights violations committed during the period of Argentina's military past of 1976 to 1983. Since Argentina's first review, Slovakia welcomes, inter alia, the advances made in addressing discrimination against women, particularly in the area of political participation. We have also taken a positive note of Argentina's signing the new third OP to CRC on a communication procedure in July this year.

Slovakia would like to present Argentina the following recommendations:

1. to ensure that all allegations of excessive use of force committed by the law enforcement personnel are thoroughly and impartially investigated, bringing alleged perpetrators to justice and providing appropriate remedies to victims,
2. to enforce effectively the legislation adopted to prevent and prosecute violence against women as well as the trafficking in women,
3. to improve conditions in all prisons and detention centres to comply with international standards,
4. to ensure that the new Civil and Commercial Code does not allow for deprivation of legal capacity of persons with disabilities.

I thank you, Mme. President.