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UPR of Gabon

Madam President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Gabon for the national report, its presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process. Slovenia would like to commend Gabon for the accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communication Procedure.

Slovenia would like to note steps taken for the implementation of recommendation on integration of gender perspective in the UPR follow-up process, on detention and prison conditions and on the Pygmy minority. However, according to UNCT-Gabon report there is neither a specific plan to protect the rights of indigenous peoples, nor an intervention strategy which would make basic services more accessible to them. Therefore Slovenia would like to **recommend** to the Gabonese Government to adopt a specific plan to protect the rights of indigenous peoples and a strategy to make basic services more accessible to the Pygmy minority.

In 2010 the members of the two chambers of Gabonese Parliament had adopted a declaration committing themselves to respect and promote women's rights. Slovenia would like to **ask** Gabon about the steps taken to respect these rights after 2010.

According to reports of several international organizations positive developments have been made in the field of protection of children's rights. However, some challenges remain. Namely trafficking and economic exploitation of children, establishment of juvenile justice in prisons and birth registration. Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Gabon to take necessary measures to enforce the legislation on trafficking and economic exploitation of children, and connected judicial protection of minors.

Thank you.