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UPR of GHANA

Madam President,

Slovenia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ghana and appreciates their detailed report.

We welcome that the government is running a number of awareness-raising programs, aimed at deepening respect for human rights. We also appreciate the commitment to ensure the integration of a gender perspective in the implementation of UPR recommendations. We further note that Ghana has taken steps towards eliminating harmful traditional and cultural practices that discriminate against women, but believe that further efforts are needed for their eradication.

With regard to our previous recommendation on norms of citizenship for foreign spouses and the request by Ghana for further clarification, we **recommend** that Ghana implements the CEDAW committee's recommendation from 2006 to bring article 7 of the Constitution and Section 10 of the Citizenship Act in line with article 9 of the CEDAW convention.

We would also like to reiterate our previous **recommendation** to decriminalize sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex.

Additionally, we **recommend** that Ghana considers:

- abolishing the death penalty *as recommended by the Constitution Review Commission, and establishing an official moratorium on the use of the death penalty, pending abolition;*
- taking effective measures to combat the climate of homophobia.

Thank you.