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Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, led by H.E. Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration, for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia recognises Luxembourg's dedication to advance its human rights record since the first review. We welcome, in particular, the ratification of CRPD and its OP in 2011, OP to CAT in 2010 as well as the OPSC to CRC. We have also taken a positive note of Luxembourg's signing the new third OP to CRC on a communication among the first group of countries in February last year. Slovakia also commends Luxembourg for its pledge to accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness as well as a number of initiatives implemented concerning the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women. Noteworthy is also the preparation of a national action plan for persons with disabilities by the Ministry of the Family or the recent legislation resolutely condemning acts of domestic violence.

Slovakia would like to present Luxembourg the following two recommendations:

- 1. to withdraw all its reservations to the CRC,
- 2. to revise the 2009 Primary School reform Bills, so that mainstream schools can better accommodate the needs of pupils with a disability.

I thank you, Mr. President.