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UPR of Serbia

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Serbia and thanks the delegation for the national report, its presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia welcomes the information provided on the National Strategy and on Protocols for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women in the Family and in Intimate Partner Relationship. We see Serbia's signature of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in April 2012 as another positive step. We would like to **ask** for details regarding the ratification of the mentioned Convention.

Slovenia would **recommend** that the Serbian Government formulate a systematic approach toward eradication of stereotypes regarding women in society, creating a climate of zero tolerance for violence against women. Slovenia would further **recommend** that steps be undertaken to shorten the period needed for issuing protective orders against domestic violence and to improve the effectiveness of criminal sanctions for violations of protective orders. And finally, Slovenia would **recommend** that further attention be given to the assistance available to victims of violence against women, especially in the field of psycho-social support.

Thank you.