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Mr. President,

I would like to warmly welcome the delegation of the United Arab Emirates led by H.E. Dr. Anwar Mohammad Gargash, thank for the presentation of the national report and for their participation in the review process.

Slovakia commends the United Arab Emirates for ratifying the CRPD, CAT as well as the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons, Especially Women and Children (the Palermo Protocol). My delegation has taken a positive note of the high levels of education attained by the UAE citizens and similar enrolment rates for both girls and boys at all phases of education. Slovakia welcomes the progress in reducing the statelessness by allowing the Emirati women married to foreigners to pass on their citizenship to their children. Noteworthy is also the establishment of human rights ministries in several governmental ministries.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolish death penalty entirely, especially with regards to juvenile offenders.
2. To address, as a matter of priority, the discrimination against non-citizens, particularly concerning domestic workers, granting them equal protection and rights as to its own citizens.
3. To consider ratifying all three Optional Protocols to the CRC.
4. To ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC, signed in 2000 and to accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

I thank you, Mr. President

Mr. Branislav Lysák