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UPR of United Arab Emirates

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks for the preparation and presentation of the national report as well as for the commitment to the UPR process.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> UPR cycle, we welcome the accession of UAE to the CAT, CRPD, to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. We also welcome the fact that UAE is looking into the possibility to accede to the Optional protocol to the Convention on the rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Optional protocol to the Convention on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Turning to recommendations given by Slovenia in the first UPR cycle, where we recommended putting in place effective institutional support for the victims of domestic violence, we welcome the fact that the government has established institutions, such as shelters for women and children, the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children and Ministry of the Interior social welfare centres, to protect women and children from domestic violence. We noted that there is no specific law on violence against woman, especially domestic violence. We would be interested to learn what measures (legal or policy) to address all forms of violence against women and girls have been adopted and implemented?

We continue to **recommend** the UAE to consider withdrawing the reservations to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Woman, in particular articles 2 (f), 9 and 15 (para 2).

We recommend to the United Arab Emirates to consider ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Thank you.