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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Cameroon for answering our advance questions. We commend Cameroon for the ratification of OP-CRC-AC.

Turning to our first cycle recommendations, we would like to make the following observations:

- (1) We welcome the activities of Cameroon towards the elimination of female genital mutilation and encourage further strengthening of efforts towards this goal. However, we remain concerned about persistent discrimination against women in the country in law and in practice, including through different forms of violence and discriminatory cultural practices.
- (2) We commend Cameroon for its efforts to eliminate and prevent trafficking in children. We are nevertheless concerned about the persistence of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, early marriages, ill-treatment and violence against children, child labour and about the situation of street children. We therefore **recommend** taking all the necessary measures to effectively eliminate and prevent these forms of exploitation and abuse of children, including through prosecution of those involved in such acts, and to ratify OP-CRC-SC.
- (3) We reiterate our past recommendations for a standing invitation to special procedures and for the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you.