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UPR of CANADA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Canada to the UPR and appreciates their presentation, as well as the answer to our advance question.

We commend Canada's regular reporting to treaty bodies and the implementation of their conclusions and recommendations, as well as the actions and commitment of the government towards improving the situation of the most vulnerable.

We further welcome the different legislative and non-legislative initiatives and activities that were undertaken to address violence against indigenous women. Nonetheless, according to reports by the special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, CAT, CERD and CRC, wide-spread violence against indigenous women persists. We therefore **recommend** that Canada devises a national action plan to address the structural roots of violence, raise awareness, and ensure effective access to justice, redress and protection for indigenous women.

Thank you.