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Mr. President,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of the Cape Verde, led by, and thank it for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Since its first review, Slovakia commends Cape Verde for its ratification of the CRPD, OP to CEDAW, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as well as the signature of the third OP to the CRC on a communications procedure. We have taken a positive note of the national action plan for the follow-up on the UPR recommendations adopted in 2012. Noteworthy is also the special law against gender based violence passed in 2011 or the constitutional reforms of 2010 aimed at strengthening the judicial system's independence. As another remarkable achievement we perceive the increased political participation of women over the last decade.

Slovakia would like to present Cape Verde the following recommendations:

- 1. to increase efforts vis-à-vis country's reporting obligations under international HR instruments to which Cape Verde is a party,**
- 2. to accede to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness,**
- 3. to harmonise its national law with country's obligations under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, including acceding to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you, Mr. President.