

Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Djibouti, led by, for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Since its first review, Slovakia has taken note of Djibouti's ratification of ICERD, OPAC and OPSC to CRC in 2012 or CRPD and its OP last year. While welcoming the fact that, under article 37 of the Constitution, international treaties ratified by Djibouti take precedence over domestic laws and might be applied directly in domestic judicial proceedings, we commend the establishment of a Legal and Judicial Reform Commission responsible for updating legislation and bringing it into line with international human rights obligations in August 2011.

Slovakia would like to present Djibouti the following recommendations:

1. **to take efficient, comprehensive measures to combat persistent harmful practices, including female genital mutilation, including through appropriate public oriented awareness-raising campaigns against traditional adverse stereotypes,**
2. **to review relevant legislation, such as the Family Code, with a view to prevent discrimination of women, including with regards to marriage, inheritance or the freedom of movement,**
3. **to reinforce efforts in addressing violence against women, including through increasing victims' access to justice, in particular in rural areas,**
4. **to create a genuinely favourable environment - free and safe - to promote functioning of truly independent media,**
5. **to step up efforts to combat human trafficking, particularly of women and children, often subjected to forced labour and sexual exploitation, providing due redress and reintegration to victims, and prosecute perpetrators,**
6. **and last but not least, to consider signing and ratifying the new Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure.**

Thank you, Mr. President.