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UPR of CONGO

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of the Congo and expresses its appreciation of their national report, presentation and commitment to the UPR process. Slovenia welcomes the positive development in the access to health services and the ratification of both Optional Protocols to the CRC.

We appreciate the information about the campaigns to promote child registration at birth in the national report. According to the assessments in the national report of the proportion of children registered by the age of 5, every fifth child's birth remains unregistered. Lack of registration may affect basic, fundamental rights such as access to education and health, protection. We would like to **recommend** further efforts to be made to make birth registration available, especially among the vulnerable groups of population.

We welcome information of the two visits by the Special Procedure's mandate holders to the Congo since its first UPR. We would like to **recommend** to the Government of the Republic of the Congo to consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures.

Thank you.