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UPR of MEXICO

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mexico and thanks for the preparation and presentation of the national report and for the Mexico's commitment to the UPR process.

We commend Mexico for its cooperation with human rights mechanisms: treaty bodies and special procedures, its productive cooperation with the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as its valuable contribution to the work of the Human Rights Council.

During the 1st UPR cycle Slovenia raised the concern about the violence against women and killings of women in Ciudad Juarez, which remained unsolved. We note (with appreciation) the signature of an agreement in 2012 for the launch of a protocol for the coordination of actions to be taken by the federal, state and municipal authorities to search for and assist women or girls reported missing in the Municipality of Ciudad Juarez.

We are pleased to note the efforts by creating a number of institutional and legal measures aimed at protecting journalists and human rights defenders mentioned in Mexico's national report.

We have three recommendations to Mexico:

- 1. to implement a public policy and launch a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign to end gender-based violence that includes sexual violence and femicide;
- 2. to undertake efforts towards eradication of gender stereotypes that have negative impact on the situation of women, in particular those from the rural areas;
- 3. to integrate gender perspective when addressing impunity and lack of safety of journalists and human rights defenders.

Thank you.