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UPR of SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. President,

We would like to thank the delegation of Saudi Arabia for the national report, its presentation today and its commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to commend the positive changes made by the Government of Saudi Arabia since the first round of the UPR, particularly in the area of trafficking in human beings and discrimination against women, as also some progress in legal and judicial reforms. We also welcome Saudi Arabia's accession to the first and second Optional protocol to CRC. However, a number of HR concerns remain therefore we would like to present Saudi Arabia with the following recommendations:

- to adopt a Penal Code, consistent with international human rights standards;
- to enact procedural mechanisms for application of the Child Protection Act and to continue delivering awareness programs on combating domestic violence;
- to declare moratorium on the death penalty;
- to consider ratifying without reservations the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to review and lift all reservations to several HR Conventions that are contrary to the objects and purposes of the treaties.

Thank you.