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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Cambodia for the presentation of the national report on the main human rights achievements since the first UPR cycle. We take positive note of Cambodia's efforts to strengthen its international human rights obligations by becoming a State party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. We would like to encourage the Government of Cambodia to follow this approach with respect to those international human rights treaties that remain yet to be ratified or acceded to.

Reports on intimidation and threats against human rights defenders who exercise their rights and freedoms remain a matter of concern. We invite the Cambodian authorities to engage in a meaningful dialogue with them and to take all necessary measures to ensure their effective protection and safety.

Cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on Cambodia, the HRC Special Procedures and the OHCHR Office on the ground is essential to improving the level of human rights standards at national level. In this regard we call on the Government to fully cooperate with these bodies.

Slovakia would like to offer two recommendations to the Government of Cambodia:

1. **To adopt all necessary measures to ensure the independence of justice, including by means of effective implementation of the judicial reform.**
2. **To accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.**

Thank you.