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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Chile for the presentation of the national report focusing on the progress achieved in the field of human rights since the first UPR cycle. We welcome legislative and institutional amendments adopted during the period under review and encourage the Government of Chile to their full and effective implementation.

While commending decision to develop the National Human Rights Plan, we would like to encourage the Government to speed up the process of its preparation. Recognizing the role civil society plays in the promotion and protection of human rights, **Slovakia recommends the Government of Chile to ensure broad involvement of civil society representatives in the preparatory process of the National Human Rights Plan.**

We welcome recent encouraging developments with regard to women's rights. Further efforts are, however, needed to address effectively discrimination and inequalities in a number of areas such as participation in the public and political life and equal opportunities in the work place, including the wage gap. In order to create suitable environment for women to fully enjoy all their rights, **Slovakia recommends the Government of Chile to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.**

Thank you.