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UPR of CHILE

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Chile to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome positive steps undertaken by Chile to combat violence against women as well as to broaden the definition of crime, by passing the bill in 2010 defining femicide as a crime. We encourage Chile to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. We also note that abortion is outlawed under all circumstances, even for medical reasons or in case of rape.

In spite of all governmental measures, prisons in Chile are still overcrowded and infrastructure in this field is deficient.

In light of the concerns expressed, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Chile:

1. to review its absolute criminalization of abortion and to initiate open discussions in the field of sexual and reproductive health in order to amend respective legislation so that the abortion is no longer a criminal offence;
2. to continue and intensify work to improve the situation of indigenous people with special efforts to tackle poverty among them, to improve their access to education beyond high school and to give them constitutional recognition;
3. to continue the improvement of detention system.

Thank you.