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UPR of COMOROS

Mr. President,

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

We commend the Comoros for their ratification of the treaties on the protection of children from all forms of sexual and economic exploitation. We also welcome that Comoros have reconsidered their position on the use of corporal punishment at home and in the schools and would like to encourage them to continue their efforts to ensure that the corporal punishment of children in fact becomes prohibited and penalized in all settings.

We consider gender equality and women empowerment an important human right as well as an important tool for advancing development and reducing poverty. Therefore, we welcome the emphasis on gender equality in Comoros Government's policy. However, we remain concerned about the high rate of violence against women.

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

1. to adopt the legislation explicitly prohibiting the corporal punishment of children in all settings including home;
2. to ratify the Optional Protocol of the ICCPR abolishing the death penalty and to abolish the death penalty for all crimes;
3. to adopt law on violence against women and ensure its implementation;
4. to improve access to health care for vulnerable groups, including pregnant women as well as to take measures to reduce child mortality.

Thank you.