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UPR of CYPRUS

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cyprus to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today. Slovenia warmly welcomes the ratification by Cyprus of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

We also welcome the information that Cyprus has passed legislation making racist motivation an aggravating circumstance in criminal offences. We also note the recommendation of the Anti-Discrimination Body to introduce legislation to counter homophobic speech.

Finally, we would **recommend** to the Government of Cyprus to consider signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

Thank you.