

UPR18/Eritrea
Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Eritrea for the presentation of the national report on the main human rights developments since the first UPR cycle.

While recognizing Eritrea's endeavours to establish national framework for the human rights protection, unsatisfactory progress has been achieved with respect to the implementation of recommendations from the first UPR cycle. More determined action by the Government is required to address effectively serious human rights challenges, including freedom of movement and freedom of expression.

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

Slovakia offers three recommendations to the Government of Eritrea:

1. **Expediently and fully implement the Constitution adopted in 1997 and strive for earliest adoption of a penal and criminal procedure code as well as a civil and civil procedure code in accordance with international standards and provide clearly in new legislation for freedom of expression, assembly, movement, religion and belief;**
2. **To ratify without further delay the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;**
3. **To ratify/accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to implement it fully at national level and to accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you.