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UPR of ERITREA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Eritrea to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today. Slovenia would like to commend Eritrea for its efforts to achieve MDGs.

With regard to Slovenia's recommendation in the first UPR cycle on elimination of female genital mutilation and cutting, we note with appreciation the decrease in the practice and would like to **recommend** to Eritrea to strengthen its efforts, in particular by prosecuting such practice and by promoting gender equality in general, in order to effectively eliminate female genital mutilation and cutting.

Slovenia is concerned about reports on frequent allegations of rape and sexual harassment, particularly in military and educational training camps or during interrogation, and on the prevalence of domestic violence.

Slovenia is also concerned about the reports on the harsh situation in detention facilities and would like to **recommend** to Eritrea to guarantee the physical integrity of all prisoners, improve conditions of detention in accordance with international standards and allow unhindered access by international monitors to all detention facilities.

Thank you.