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Statement of the Republic of Slovenia

Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to thank the distinguished delegation for their presentation today. We welcome the progress in promoting and protecting human rights since the first UPR, notably the advancement as regards the anti-discriminatory legislation and the rights of minorities, including of Roma.

Slovenia welcomes the adoption of the Law on the Prevention of and Protection against Discrimination that explicitly prohibits direct and indirect discrimination. We note, however, that discrimination based on ethnic origin as well as sexual orientation persists. We note with concern the reported hostility motivated by discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and call upon the Government to take the necessary steps to address any such instances.

Reports indicate discrepancy in education levels between girls and boys, especially among girls form ethnic minorities. We are concerned about reports that some children still lacked registration and identity documentation.

In light of issues mentioned we make the following recommendations:

1. to further implement integrated education and address the negative impact of ethnic segregation in schools, including through implementing common activities and policies to promote interaction between children of all linguistic and ethnic backgrounds.
2. to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, which is not included in the Law on the Prevention of and Protection against Discrimination.
3. to address barriers to the education of women and girls and to reduce their dropout rates, especially among girls form ethnic minorities.
4. to ensure full birth registration, including by retroactive registration, and access to public services, including to education for children lacking documentation

Thank you.