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UPR of NEW ZEALAND

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of New Zealand to the UPR working group and thanks them for their presentation today. We note the efforts undertaken by the Government of New Zealand since last review in order to improve the human rights situation of its people.

We welcome the fact that New Zealand ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. We also welcome the Government's efforts to reduce violence within families and its impact on women and children.

We would like to take this opportunity to make the following **recommendations** to the Government of New Zealand:

1. that the New Zealand authorities enlarge the scope of the White paper for Vulnerable Children and its Children's Action Plan taking into account the relationship between child abuse and contributing factors such as domestic violence and poverty;
2. that the Government explores and develops, in consultation with the Maori, means of addressing Maori concerns regarding the Treaty settlement negotiation process;
3. that the New Zealand authorities strengthen efforts to secure Maori political participation at the national level aiming on increasing Maori participation in local governance.

Thank you.