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UPR of VANUATU

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Vanuatu to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today. Slovenia further welcomes the positive efforts outlined by the delegation in the area of gender equality and access to education and the ratification of, inter alia, the UNCAT.

According to the information offered by the stakeholders the rates of domestic violence, including sexual violence against girls, are of concern.

We warmly welcome Vanuatu's accession to the Rome Statute and **recommend** efforts to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Considering the information on the pending request for the visit of the independent expert on the issue of foreign debt, we would **recommend** to the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu to respond as soon as possible in line with the standing invitation to the special procedures it had extended in 2009.

Thank you.

Mr. Andrej Žitko