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**UPR18/Yemen**

**Statement by Slovakia**

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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Yemen for the comprehensive overview of the human rights situation with an emphasis on progress since the first UPR cycle. While taking note of some recent encouraging steps by the Government in the context of the transition process, more systematic approach with respect to the implementation of human rights obligations is needed.

Despite certain developments towards the abolition of the death penalty for juveniles, this issue remains a matter of concern. What further measures does the Government of Yemen envisage to address the death penalty for juveniles with a view to its abolishment?

The situation of women and girls still remains far from satisfactory. They continue to face discriminatory practices with negative impact on the full enjoyment of their rights. In order to address this problem effectively, more targeted approach is required by the relevant national authorities.

We would like to make following recommendations to the Government of Yemen:

1. **To adopt all measures with a view to ensure full compliance of national policy with its obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).**
2. **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 the Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you.