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**UPR of YEMEN**

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Yemen to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today. Slovenia supports the Government and people of Yemen in addressing the country's security, political, economic and social challenges.

Slovenia is a strong supporter of the abolition of the death penalty; therefore, we note with concern that death penalty for juvenile offenders is still de facto imposed in Yemen.

While we welcome some tangible progress to prohibit recruiting children to armed forces, including the recently adopted national action plan, we note that child recruitment and use in armed forces is still ongoing.

In light of the expressed concerns we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Yemen:

1. to ratify, as a priority, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto as well as the Rome Statute of the ICC and consequently to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute;
2. to revise its death penalty legislation so that it complies with ICCPR and particularly to ensure that the death penalty does not apply to minors;
3. to end the recruitment and use of children in armed forces as a matter of priority by the government forces and the opposition armed groups and to release those who have already been recruited;
4. to fully implement the adopted action plan on the recruitment of children to the armed forces and to take into consideration the relevant recommendations made by the Secretary General in his annual report on children and armed conflict.

Thank you.