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UPR of DOMINICA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Dominica to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today and the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia commends the Government of Dominica for its efforts to address some salient issues, notably domestic violence and physical abuse of children, and for its positive gains regarding gender equality and women's empowerment. We also note some progress has been made in recognizing LGBTI rights and we would like to encourage Dominica to continue with its efforts to fight discrimination and prejudice against LGBTIs.

Although the death penalty as the capital punishment is not applied in practice since 1986, we are concerned that it continues to be retained in Dominica. Bearing this in mind, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Dominica to maintain the de facto moratorium on the death penalty, and to consider abolishing the death penalty all together.

Thank you.