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**UPR of EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Equatorial Guinea for their presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia takes note of the 2011 Constitutional reform and would like to welcome the inclusion of article 15.1 that defines discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation as an offence punishable by law. We also take note of the development regarding the law establishing the moratorium on the death penalty.

In the National Report we have noted the information that some discussions have taken place on Equatorial Guinea's accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. However, we are concerned about the reports on the existence of practices and customs that violate women's and girls' rights.

We would like to recommend to the Government of Equatorial Guinea:

1. to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict as soon as possible;
2. to enact the law on the establishment of a moratorium on the death penalty as soon as possible.

Thank you.