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UPR of ETHIOPIA

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Ethiopia for their presentation.

Slovenia welcomes the information on Ethiopia's adoption of the National Human Rights Action plan, the ratification of the CRPD and the signing of the OP CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

We commend Government's commitment to eradicate poverty and ensure the realization of economic, social and cultural rights. We believe that a free, vibrant and independent civil society is a pre-requisite for creating a climate conducive to political, social and economic development. That is why the freedom of expression remains particularly valuable among human rights and freedoms. We **recommend** to Ethiopia to repeal the provisions of media and anti-terrorism legislation that infringe on the protection accorded to the freedom of expression by the provisions in Article 29 of its Constitution and on Ethiopia's HR obligations.

We would like to once again **recommend** to Ethiopia to respond favourably to all outstanding requests for a visit by the special procedures and to consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures.

Thank you.