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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Nicaragua for the presentation of their national report with focus on main developments in the field of human rights since the first UPR cycle.

We welcome the level of representation of women in public life. Violence against women remains, however among main human rights challenges. We are concerned with weakening of women's protection under the existing Law.

Slovakia takes note of steps taken in the field of economic and social rights, including the right to education. The situation of the most vulnerable groups, in particular girls requires adequate response by the Government. We would like to ask what measures are envisaged by the Government with a view to effectively address sexual abuse of girls.

Slovakia would like to make the following 3 recommendations to the Government of Nicaragua:

1. **To review and amend the Comprehensive Law against Violence against Women (Law 779) to comply with international standards and ensure its effective implementation**
2. **To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure**
3. **To accede to the Rome Statute of the ICC and to implement it fully at national level and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you.