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**UPR20/Plurinational State of Bolivia**

**Statement by Slovakia**

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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Bolivia for the presentation of the national report with focus on main developments in the field of human rights.

We welcome the legislative steps with clear human rights impact that have been taken since the first UPR cycle, in particular in the field of combatting racism and all forms of discrimination, fight against trafficking in human beings and violence against women. To achieve real improvement in these thematic areas, we encourage the Government of Bolivia to provide necessary funding and adequate human resources for the implementation of relevant legislation.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Bolivia:

- 1. Pursue efforts to address child labour in line with its international obligations.**
- 2. Step up reform of the justice system with a view to address effectively access to justice, interference in judicial proceedings and the backlog of cases.**

While welcoming steps aimed at strengthening of the rights of the child, the issue of child labour remains among main human rights concerns. Despite efforts of the Government to reduce poverty and to prevent child exploitation, the authorisation of children to work from the age 10 if self-employed and from the age 12 for employer might raise the issue of compatibility with international commitment of Bolivia.

Justice is another area that requires further progress and reform. Adequate resources should be provided to ensure that all six strategic areas of the 2013-2025 Sectoral Plan for Plural Justice are fully carried out.

Thank you.