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**UPR of BOLIVIA**

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bolivia to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

Slovenia welcomes Bolivia's ratification of the OP2-ICCPR, OP-CRC on a communications procedure as well as OP-ICESCR.

While we welcome the adoption of a comprehensive Act on Guaranteeing a Life Free from Violence for Women, which establishes new offences including femicide, sexual harassment and family and domestic violence, we believe women still remain at high risk for gender-based violence. In this respect we **recommend** to Bolivia to continue its efforts to overcome gaps and implement provisions to address gender violence as well as to carry out prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into all complaints of gender-based violence.

With regard to sexual and reproductive health, we noted that abortion is penalised, except in case of rape under certain conditions and the threat of life for the mother. We noted that a Constitutional Court ruling established that, in case of rape, victims need to report the offence in order to have the abortion, rather than having to press charge. We **recommend** a review of respective legislation to eliminate the requirement of prior judicial authorization for therapeutical abortion and abortion in cases of rape and incest.

Bearing in mind the international human rights law, including the ILO Convention 138 regarding the minimum age of employment, we would like to express our concern about the legislation adopted in July 2014 allowing children as young as ten to work legally. We would be interested to learn which measures will be taken to ensure the protection of children below age 14 against exploitation and abuse? We would like to **recommend** Bolivia to review the new legislation on child labour and to consider developing a national plan to reduce child labour.

Thank you.