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UPR of BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and thanks them for their presentation today.

Slovenia further strongly welcomes information on the issuing of a standing invitation to the special procedures, ratifications of the CRPD and CPED, the information on the establishment of the Council for Children and numerous efforts to ensure the safety, wellbeing and the rights of the child in the country.

We would encourage further work on ensuring fully the multi-ethnic learning environment. Concerned by the information about several cases of "two schools under one roof" we would like **recommend** that the development of a multiethnic, inclusive and non-discriminatory Common Core Curriculum be considered a priority and that all levels of government ensure that the content of school textbooks encourages tolerance and avoids the use of ethnic or minority stereotypes.

We are concerned over the lack of equal or even any access to sexual and reproductive health education in schools. Even more worrying is the information on the lack of affordable contraceptive methods. The right to health is threatened by early and unwanted pregnancies as well as by STDs, especially HIV/AIDS. We would like to **recommend** to all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina to consider providing equal access to sexual and reproductive health education and services, including affordable modern methods of contraception.

Finally, we would recommend that the new government, once it is formed, ensures equal rights to all citizens, and enable political representation in a way that would reflect the multiethnic richness of the country.

Thank you.