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Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Fiji and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome the information on the removal of the death penalty from the Criminal Code and the ongoing discussion on the removal of the death penalty from the Military Code. My delegation is interested to hear about the time-line envisioned for removal of the death penalty from the Military Code.

Slovenia further welcomes the information on the adoption of the Constitution enshrining the principle of non-discrimination and the establishment of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission with a robust mandate. We **recommend** to Fiji that adequate funding and resources be provided for the Commission's work. We would also like to **recommend** to Fiji that the issue of violence against women be considered by the Commission as one of the priority areas of work.

We appreciate the openness of the Fijian authorities to consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures and at the same time note the numerous requests for visits issued by the special procedures. We would like to **recommend** to Fiji that those requests be responded to in a timely and positive manner and that a standing invitation to the special procedures be extended as soon as possible.

Finally, while welcoming the positive developments in the areas of education and health of children, we note that the element of education in the area of sexual and reproductive health in schools is not mentioned. Education in this area enables minors to make conscious decisions regarding their health and well-being. We **recommend** that Fiji considers mainstreaming sexual and reproductive health education in schools and improving access to contraception for adults and young people.

Thank you.