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UPR of KAZAKHSTAN

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kazakhstan at the UPR Working Group and thanks for their presentation today. We further welcome Kazakhstan's commitment to the UPR process.

We noted the concern expressed by the CESCR Committee regarding the high level of violence against women and children. Furthermore, the CEDAW Committee was concerned by the lack of legislation criminalizing all forms of violence against women, including stalking; the underreporting of violence cases, and the lack of adequate state funding for crisis-centres for the victims. We **recommend** to the Government of Kazakhstan to revise the legislation to cover all forms of violence against women. We further **recommend** to Kazakhstan to enact the draft law on domestic violence in full compliance with the international human standards.

While appreciating the efforts undertaken concerning children's rights, we would like to encourage the Government of Kazakhstan to continue and strengthen its efforts to combat all forms of discrimination.

On the issue of freedom of the media we are interested to learn on Government's intentions to bring the legislation on media freedom in line with the international human rights standards. In this regard we would like to **recommend** to Kazakhstan to review its legislation that restricts the media freedoms, freedom of assembly and association and bring them in conformity with the international human rights law.

Finally, while welcoming the moratorium on the death penalty with respect to certain crimes, we **recommend** to Kazakhstan to abolish the death penalty and to consider ratifying the second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Thank you.