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UPR of MADAGASCAR

Mr. President,

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

We would like to commend Madagascar for the signature of the 2nd Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure as well as for making the International Bill of Human Rights a constitutional principle in the preamble of the Constitution.

With regard to Slovenia's recommendation to Madagascar in the first UPR cycle concerning the inclusion of violence against women, including marital rape, as criminal offence in the Criminal Code, we appreciate the efforts of Madagascar to address the issue. We noted the information in the National report on the broad consultations taking place in this regard. We would like to **recommend** to Madagascar to strengthen its efforts in making all forms of sexual violence against women and girls, including marital rape, criminal offences.

Turning to the Slovenia's recommendation in the first UPR cycle concerning trafficking in and sexual exploitation of women and girls, Slovenia would like to **ask** Madagascar on the time frame to set up a standing mechanism to combat trafficking in human beings.

We are concerned about the reports on the low rate of population that has access to clean drinking water and sanitation. We would like to **recommend** to Madagascar to take all the necessary measures, including material assistance and support programmes to families, to ensure that all persons, especially children, have an adequate standard of living, including access to clean drinking water and sanitation.

Thank you.