



Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Slovenia

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Mr President,

Sweden welcomes the Slovenian delegation to the UPR review and thanks it for the presentation of the comprehensive national report.

Sweden notes with appreciation that prohibition of corporal punishment was included in the Slovenian Family Code Bill, which unfortunately was rejected by public referendum in 2012.

Sweden would therefore like to recommend Slovenia to ensure legislation is drafted and enacted to prohibit all corporal punishment of children, including in the home.

Sweden welcomes Slovenia's commitment to combat violence and discrimination on all grounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity as outlined in the national report. However, we note that the CRC has expressed concern about discrimination against the children of same-sex couples.

Sweden therefore recommends that Slovenia heeds the Committee's call to regularize the status of children of same-sex couples, and to ensure their protection against discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. President