

**Statement by HE Mr. Thani Thongphakdi,
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Mr. President,

We commend the government of Slovenia for the substantive progress made in the areas of the promotion of gender equality, empowerment of women, equal opportunity for persons with disabilities and prevention of violence against women and children.

We fully support the commitment of the government to safeguard the rights and status of the most vulnerable population, despite the adoption of austerity measures for budget consolidation.

We note with appreciation the ~~very~~ inclusive compulsory health insurance scheme provided by the government and the recent amendments to the Health Care and Health Insurance Act. However, given the report of increasing number of persons without adequate health insurance, we wish to receive more information about the existing gaps.

In this regard, we recommend Slovenia to consider appropriate means to reach out to achieve universal access to health services and to consider expanding the coverage of health services under the compulsory health insurance to appropriate secondary and tertiary services. ^{include}

Lastly, we note the challenges faced by minorities, particularly Roma, and recommend the government to continue to improve their living conditions and access to housing, water and sanitation, education and employment and make further efforts to combat all forms of intolerance and racism against them.

Thank you, Mr. President
