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**Statement by the Delegation of Uzbekistan**

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the Delegation of Slovenia at the second cycle of the UPR and thank for the presentation of the national report.

We commend the measures to strengthen regulatory and institutional mechanisms for protection of human rights, including recent amendments to the Constitution and the Penal Code, adoption of the State program for support of youth in transition from school to work as well as steps to improve the health and education systems and reform of the labor legislation.

However, UN treaty bodies have expressed concern over marginalization and discrimination against Roma, overpopulation of prisons, cases of violence against women and girls, as well as trafficking in women and children for purposes of sexual exploitation.

We would like to recommend to Slovenia to increase cooperation with relevant UN treaty bodies, in particular, by submitting its periodic report to the Human Rights Committee overdue since 2010.

Our delegation also recommends to:

- strengthen legislative and practical measures to prevent all forms of discrimination against ethnic minorities and foreigners;
- take effective measures to prevent trafficking in persons, including women and children.

Thank you.