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Bahrain welcomes the distinguished delegation of Slovenia and would like to thank the delegation for their national report and presentation today.

We welcome Slovenia's positive engagement in the UPR process and commend the progress and efforts made by their government since their first review in promoting and protecting human rights in the country.

While noting with appreciation the adoption of strategies and measures to guarantee the rights of minority people, we remain concerned about the persistent discrimination against ethnic minorities and the public manifestations of hate speech and intolerance towards them. Bahrain urges Slovenia to further strengthen measures to ensure respect for the human rights of minority groups and facilitate their full integration in society.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Adopt immediate and positive measures to combat all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against the Roma communities and other ethnic groups, with regard to access to housing, quality education, employment and healthcare;
2. Adopt proactive measures to ensure access to equal opportunities and promote equal gender representation in decision-making positions, and implement non-discriminatory policies to ensure equal pay for women and men;
3. Ensure Implementation of the National Programme of Family Violence Prevention (2009- 2014) and prevent all forms of violence against women and children, including domestic violence.
4. Finally, ensure that Slovenia's national legislation is fully harmonized with international standards to comply with its commitments under international treaties, especially with regard to CEDAW, CRC, and CERD.

Thank you Mr. President.