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Mr. President,

Brazil thanks the delegation of Slovenia for its comprehensive report.

Brazil notes with appreciation the progress achieved in the protection and promotion of the rights of the child.

We also recognize Slovenia's efforts to promote gender equality and empowerment of women. We praise, in particular, that the gender "pay gap" registered in Slovenia is among the lowest in the EU.

Brazil welcomes the National Programme of Measures for Roma People (2010-2015) aimed at combating discrimination against Roma communities. Nonetheless, we regret that the failure to provide adequate housing, water and sanitation to the Roma has an impact on their rights to health, education and employment.

Brazil is also concerned about the situation of many of the so-called "erased citizens" and would welcome increased efforts to provide compensation and redress to Slovene citizens unduly deprived of their nationality and right to residence.

Brazil recommends that Slovenia:

1. Take further measures to provide security of tenure and to promote access to water, sanitation, education, health and employment for all Roma communities; and

2. Continue to formulate, implement and enhance public policies aimed at raising awareness of discrimination-related issues in society and ensure effective remedies to victims of discrimination and statelessness.

Thank you.