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UPR of GRENADA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Grenada to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome the information that Grenada hosted regional briefing on the UPR for Caribbean countries organized by the OHCHR and Commonwealth secretariat in 2010 but at the same time note with regret Grenada's lack of submission of the national report. Furthermore, we have noticed that Grenada still has four overdue treaty reports and would therefore like to reiterate our **recommendation** from the first cycle for Grenada to submit the overdue reports as soon as possible.

We further remain concerned that there is still no formal moratorium on the death penalty in place in Grenada. In light of this would like to **recommend** to the Government of Grenada to take the necessary measures to declare de jure moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolish the death penalty as well as to consider ratifying the second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We note with concern the information on the high incidences of violence against women and the high rate of unsafe abortion. Concerns remain also about the punitive provisions imposed on women who undergo abortion. In light of this, we would like to **recommend** to Grenada to review the legislation criminalizing abortion and amend it so that the abortion is no longer a criminal offence.

Additionally, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Grenada:

- to consider signing and ratifying CAT;
- to extend an open invitation to all special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council.

Thank you.