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UPR of GUINEA

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Guinea and thanks them for their presentation. We express our solidarity with the people of Guinea in the face of the devastating Ebola epidemic.

With regard to our previous recommendations, we welcome the commitment of Guinea to observe a de facto moratorium on the death penalty and to seek to abolish it in due course. We further welcome government efforts to strengthen the regulatory framework on violence against women and harmful traditional practices, including FGM, but note with concern that these remain alarmingly common and are rarely prosecuted. We also regret that despite a number of measures adopted by the government women remain greatly disadvantaged in many areas of life, and that a number of discriminatory laws are yet to be repealed.

In addition, we note that the country faces serious challenges in the areas of education, access to health services, malnutrition, early marriage and child labor, among other.

We therefore reiterate our previous **recommendations**, and offer the following additional ones:

- to review the existing laws and regulations with a view to ensuring full gender equality in all aspects of life;
- to redouble efforts to eliminate FGM and other harmful traditional practices, including through strict enforcement of the legal prohibition and increased awareness-raising of the harmful consequences of such practices;
- to ensure equal access to free and quality education for all children, and to offer additional adult learning opportunities in order to increase literacy among the adult population;
- to strengthen protection measures against child labor;
- to ratify OP-CRC-AC.

Thank you.