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Statement by Slovakia

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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Kenya for the presentation of the national report. We take note of the finalization of the National Policy and Action Plan on Human Rights in 2012 and encourage the Government to speed up its approval by the Parliament.

We share concern expressed by the Committee against Torture regarding increased attacks and threats against human rights defenders and media. Slovakia invites the Government to review the relevant domestic legislation in accordance with international standards.

While taking positive note of reforms carried out in the field of education, we encourage the Government to address territorial differences with regard to access to education and ensure that schools are provided with sufficient funds.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Kenya:

- 1. Ensure that attacks against human rights defenders are properly investigated and their perpetrators are prosecuted.**
- 2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a Communications Procedure.**
- 3. Accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court and implement it fully at national level.**

Thank you.