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UPR of KYRGYZSTAN

Mr. President,

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

We welcome steps taken by Kyrgyzstan to implement some of the reform commitments to which it agreed in 2010. We commend Kyrgyzstan for holding peaceful and pluralistic presidential elections in 2011. We further welcome Kyrgyzstan's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty.

However, we remain concerned about reports of the OSCE/ODIHR that the legal framework for the elections is not consistent with the Constitution. Challenges also remain regarding the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators of attacks against journalists. Bearing this in mind, we would like to reiterate our **recommendation** from the 1st cycle for the Government of Kyrgyzstan to ensure that attacks on journalists are promptly investigated and the perpetrators are held accountable.

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

- to ratify and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the ICC;
- to undertake all necessary measures to prevent discrimination and violence, against LGBT persons;
- to prosecute perpetrators of gender-based violence and bride-kidnapping.

Thank you.