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UPR of SPAIN

Mr. President,

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

We welcome information on numerous ratifications of international and regional human rights instruments since 2010 as well as information on institutional strengthening in the area of hate speech and discrimination.

With understanding the challenges brought on by the international economic and financial crisis, and therefore we very much welcome the stated intention to restore social protection measures and assistance to those most disadvantaged by the crisis. In this regard we would **recommend** to the Government of Spain to give priority to the improvement of situation of those living in severe poverty when restoring the social protection measures and assistance.

We are concerned about the reports on the rate of abortions among young women and the high percentage of young people that do not use contraception in Spain. The right to health is threatened by early and unwanted pregnancies as well as by STDs, especially HIV/AIDS. Considering that sexual education is at the moment elective, we would **recommend** to all levels of government in Spain to consider incorporating sexual and reproductive health education into the school curriculum.

Thank you.