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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia commends Sweden for its human rights policy which belongs to top priorities of the Government. The level of promotion and protection of human rights in certain thematic areas might serve as a positive example for other Member States.

We particularly acknowledge activities in the field of gender equality which Sweden carries out within its national and foreign policy, including the Official Development Aid. Slovakia welcomes Sweden's initiatives to combat anti-gypsism even though some projects on Roma inclusion are hardly applicable in countries with numerous Roma population.

With regard to issue of legal safeguards for persons deprived of their liberty, in particular their access to lawyer, right to a medical examination by an independent doctor and right to notify a relative, Slovakia shares conclusions of the Committee against Torture adopted in November 2014. We encourage the Government to thoroughly implement the Committee's recommendations in this regard.

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

- 1. Ensure that all persons deprived of their liberty are afforded all the fundamental legal safeguards in accordance with international standards.**
- 2. Abolish the use of solitary confinement for minors in juvenile justice system.**

Thank you.