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Mr. President,

Slovenia commends Turkey for its constructive role in the Council, and for its open door policy towards Syrian refugees. We welcome measures taken to improve gender equality, but note that many challenges in this field persevere. We further welcome improvements with regard to child protection and the use of minority languages in private schools.

We offer the following **recommendations**:

- to consider introducing the teaching of minority languages also in public schools;
- to recognize the right to conscientious objection and to offer a civilian alternative to military service;
- to ensure in practice that all women are able to exercise their legal right to a safe abortion, without discrimination of any kind;
- to legally prohibit all forms of violence against children, including corporal punishment;
- to ensure the investigation, prosecution and punishment of any act of discrimination or violence motivated by the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you.