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UPR of BULGARIA

Mr. President,

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

We welcome the commitment of Bulgaria to the protection and promotion of human rights and its support for the international human rights mechanisms.

Slovenia welcomes Bulgaria's accession to several international human rights instruments since its 1st UPR review cycle, in particular the Convention on the reduction of Statelessness and the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. We further welcome the appointment of Ombudsman as a National preventive mechanism and would like to urge Bulgaria to continue these efforts towards improvement of human rights in the country.

In light of this we would like to **recommend** to Bulgaria:

- to accelerate the judicial reform and enhance fight against corruption in order to improve human rights standards in the country;
- to adopt and implement specific legislation on gender equality.

Thank you.