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UPR of MONGOLIA

Mr. President,

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

Slovenia takes note of Mongolia's efforts in implementing the majority of recommendations from the 1st cycle, especially in combatting domestic violence, trafficking in human beings and in protecting the rights of the child. We commend Mongolia for its progress in protection of rights of disabled persons and progress in the promotion of the right to education.

We take note of the adoption of the Law on Gender Equality and the implementation of the National Programme on Fulfilling Gender Equality but remain concerned that gender-based and domestic violence continue to present a serious problem.

We would like to **recommend** to Mongolia:

- to strengthen efforts to prevent gender-based and domestic violence by criminalizing marital rape and sexual harassment, providing victims with access to justice, assistance and protection, and by ensuring that cases are properly investigated and perpetrators duly prosecuted;
- to prohibit all forms of discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;
- to step up its efforts in enhancing the impact of the measures taken to address traditional discriminatory practices and persisting stereotypes about the roles and responsibilities of women and men;

Thank you.