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Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the commitment of the United States to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as positive developments since its first review, such as the repeal of the capital punishment in three states, the adoption of Prison Rape Elimination Act, and the Executive Order on ensuring lawful interrogations.

At the same time, we note that challenges remain, in particular in the areas of non-discrimination, prohibition of torture and mass surveillance.

We'd like to offer the following **recommendations**:

- to ratify the CRC, CEDAW and the Rome Statute without delay;
- to redouble efforts to prevent sexual violence in the military and ensure effective prosecution of offenders and redress for victims;
- to ensure that children under 18 are handled by the juvenile justice system in all circumstances;
- to discontinue indiscriminate interception, retention, use and dissemination of private communications, both within and outside US territory and jurisdiction, and to heed the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee in this regard.

Thank you.