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Mr. President,

Slovakia takes positive note of the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography as a follow-up to the first UPR cycle and encourages the Government to take concrete measures on their full and effective implementation.

Cooperation with OHCHR and HRC Special Procedures provides states with useful guidelines to enhance their domestic legislative and institutional framework. In this connection we encourage the Government to intensify cooperation with HRC and its expert mechanisms.

Slovakia notes the ongoing reforms aimed at social and economic development and reduction of poverty. We encourage the Government to follow this approach with respect to civil and political rights, including the freedom of expression, assembly and associations and towards the strengthening good governance and the rule of law.

Slovakia welcomes the recent signature of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and **recommends that the Government of Myanmar takes all necessary measures aimed at its early ratification.**

Thank you.