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UPR of NAURU

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Nauru for their presentation today. We note certain positive developments in the country since its first review, such as the accession to the CEDAW and CRPD, and the ratification of CAT and its Optional Protocol. We also welcome the issuance of standing invitation to Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Nonetheless, we are concerned about alarming reports regarding the rights of asylum seekers, especially the rights of children. We are further concerned about the reported arbitrary detentions and their impact on the physical and mental health of asylum seekers, particularly the children. We also note reports of cramped conditions and exposure to heat in the processing centers.

While we note that no executions have been carried out in Nauru since its independence, article 4 (1) of the Constitution does provide for the death penalty.

Bearing in mind the above mentioned issues we offer the following **recommendations**:

- release all children from the immigration detentions as a matter of priority;
- take other appropriate measures to ensure the dignity of the detainees and their rights to life, liberty and physical and mental integrity;
- ratify the ICCPR and both its two Optional Protocols;
- amend article 4 (1) of the Constitution to abolish the death penalty.

Thank you