

UPR23/Oman

Statement by Slovakia

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Mr. President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Oman for the presentation of the national report.

We acknowledge efforts to improve the level of protection of children's rights, inter alia through the adoption of the new Child Law in 2014 and encourage national authorities to raise awareness about the law and international standards in the field of children's rights.

Cooperation with OHCHR and HRC Special Procedures provides states with an excellent opportunity to improve their domestic legislative and institutional framework. Based on the visit of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of assembly and association to Oman in September 2014, we encourage the Government to explore further ways of intensifying cooperation with other thematic special procedures mandate holders.

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Oman:

- 1. Thoroughly implement the Child Law and strengthen awareness-raising campaigns to promote children's rights.**
- 2. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and implement it fully at national level and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**
- 3. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.**

Thank you.