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**UPR of the SULTANATE OF OMAN**

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Oman for their presentation. We note a number of positive developments in the country since its first review, in particular the withdrawal of reservations to the CRC, as well as efforts towards the eradication of child labor.

At the same time, we remain concerned over the lack of legal protection against violence against women and girls, and the lack of compulsory free education for all.

We offer the following **recommendations**:

- to ensure by law the effective protection of women against gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, and marital rape;
- to redouble efforts to effectively end the practice of female genital mutilation, in line with recommendations by the CRC committee;
- to ensure compulsory and free education for all;
- to ratify the outstanding human rights treaties, namely ICCPR, ICESCR, CAT and its optional protocol, and OP-CRPD, as well as ILO Conventions No. 87 and 98;
- to establish an official moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it.

Thank you.

**Advance questions:**

- Taking into account that the values, customs and culture of Arab and Islamic societies, including Omani society, do not acknowledge or encourage relationships outside marriage, we remain very concerned with the practice of placing children born out of wedlock into alternative care. This practice is contrary to the right of the child to know and be cared for by his or her parents, as per the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Does the Government intend to implement continuous CRC recommendation in this regard, which calls for the abolishment of this practice?
- We welcome the recently adopted legislation on child labor from May 2014, which among other establishes a child protection committee serving also as a complaints mechanism. Does the government of Oman intend to sign and ratify also the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OP-CRC-IC) which sets out an international complaints procedure for child rights violations?
- We welcome the ongoing dialogue of Oman with ILO in the framework of the tripartite programme "Decent Work Country Programme", especially on conditions of work of domestic employees. How does Oman plan to expand its efforts in the field of employment and working conditions for foreign workers?