

**UPR23/Rwanda**

**Statement by Slovakia**

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Mr President,

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

We acknowledge improvements with positive human rights impact such as revision of genocide law, adoption of media laws and efforts to further enhance access to justice and system of legal aid. To reach tangible progress in these areas, the existing should be followed by concrete steps on its application.

Slovakia notes progress achieved in promoting children's rights, including the right to education and access to justice. There are, however, certain areas which require further measures to be adopted such as regulation of operation costs and improving the quality of education.

Slovakia would like to offer the following recommendations to the Government of Rwanda:

1. **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.**
2. **Take necessary measures to ensure quality education by providing sufficient training for teachers, ensuring the presence of quality school materials, books and appropriate infrastructure in all schools and available to all children, especially the most vulnerable ones.**
3. **Increase budget allocation to the education sector to ensure fully free and inclusive education for all children.**

Thank you.