

UPR24/Denmark

Statement by Slovakia

21 January 2016

Mr President,

Slovakia appreciates Denmark's strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights at national level and the role Denmark plays in advancing human rights standards at international fora.

We acknowledge general status of the implementation of recommendations accepted by the Danish Government during the first UPR cycle, including recently fulfilled recommendation regarding proper identification for the law enforcement officials.

We welcome further strengthening of the protection of vulnerable groups. In this context, we particularly commend opening of a new national 24-hour hotline for all victims of domestic violence.

Bullying in schools remains a challenge despite a school reform introduced in 2014. The lack of clarity in the law regarding the responsibility of school authorities and follow-up action in cases of failure to comply with anti-bullying legislation leaves children without sufficient protection.

Slovakia would like to make two recommendations to the Government of Denmark:

1. **Step up efforts to prevent and address bullying in schools, inter alia, by introducing a range of educational and socio-pedagogical methods, and consider introducing appropriate monitoring of anti-bullying strategies in schools.**
2. **Take necessary steps to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.**

Thank you.