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Statement by Slovakia  
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Mr. President,

Slovakia notes the legislative progress in protection of women and children from violence through a new Penal Code adopted in 2014. However, despite the existing framework, gender based violence remains a serious problem. We encourage the Government to improve the implementation of the legislation and to raise awareness among law enforcement officials and the general public.

We share concerns expressed by the Committee against Torture regarding allegations about extrajudicial killings, torture and ill-treatment of detainees committed by police force and persisting impunity of law enforcement officials. Slovakia invites the Government to ensure that such cases are adequately investigated.

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

1. **Take necessary measures to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure.**
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. **Strengthen child protection system with effective mechanisms, including investigation of reports of cases of child abuse.**

Thank you.