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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Namibia for its presentation today.

We note a number of positive developments in the country since its first review, including the adoption of the 2015 Child Care and Protection Act, institutional and policy framework to accelerate the elimination of discrimination against women and promotion of gender equality such as the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence (2012-2016).

Nonetheless, we are concerned about reports on the persistence of harmful practices and different forms of discrimination against women and girls, on the high prevalence of violence against women and girls committed family members, on high prevalence of unsafe abortions and high rate of teenage pregnancies. We also note with concern the reports on low rate of birth registration and the high rate of abandonment of new born children.

Slovenia would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- to step up the efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and girls in law and in practice, also by adopting as soon as possible the pending bills that have impact on the enjoyment of women's rights related to marriage, recognition of customary marriages, procurement, marital property, divorce and intestate succession;
- to ensure that all cases of violence against women and girls are investigated and that perpetrators are brought to justice;
- to take all the necessary measures to effectively implement the Child Care and Protection Act.

Thank you.