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UPR of SEYCHELLES

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Seychelles to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome some positive developments in the country since its first review in 2011 such as the issuance of standing invitation to Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

However, we are concerned that legislation in the area of child rights has not yet been fully aligned with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and that a comprehensive and systematic approach to the gender mainstreaming is still lacking. In this regard we also regret the reports that traditional stereotypes regarding the roles of women and men in the family and in society persist.

With regard to the issues to be improved we offer the following **recommendations**:

- continue efforts with regard to the ratification and implementation of the core human rights treaties and develop further the institutional framework for the implementation of human rights standards contained therein;
- engage actively to implement treaty body recommendations;
- ensure that human rights education and training addresses also the rights of the child and women's rights in a comprehensive and systematic way;
- ensure efficient implementation of the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act (2014) to combat trafficking in human beings, by collecting data, improving the training of police officers and other law enforcement officials, strengthening mechanisms for investigating the criminal cases of trafficking and prosecuting and punishing traffickers;
- organize awareness campaigns for foreign migrant workers about their social and economic rights and ensure that migrant workers enjoy treatment that is not less favourable than that which applies for nationals including through labour inspections in sectors where migrant workers are employed;

Thank you.