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Mr. President,

Slovenia notes the positive impact of the Budapest Human Rights Forum and encourages the organisers to continue their efforts in this area.

Slovenian and Hungarian ethnic minorities represent an important link in relations between our two countries. We therefore welcome the positive developments in the field of ensuring the rights of the Slovenian minority in Hungary, including in the Raba region, and note with appreciation that work with regard to our past recommendations no. 94.104¹, 94.105², 95.24³ is ongoing.

Turning to the issue of gender equality, we'd be interested in learning what steps have been taken to implement CEDAW recommendations on ensuring that family policies do not restrict the full enjoyment by women of their right to equality, to combat gender stereotypes, and to improve access to sexual and reproductive health services, including affordable contraceptives.

We offer the following additional recommendations:

- prevent and combat racism and hate speech, including through human rights education and training, and by promoting tolerance;
- take all the necessary measures to fully implement the National Social Inclusion Strategy;
- adopt a comprehensive, human rights-based gender equality strategy.

Thank you.

¹ 94.104. Ensure urgently, through stable and systematic funding, continued functioning of the two bilingual Slovenian-Hungarian schools in Gornji Senik/Felsöszölnök and Stevanovic/Apátistvánfalva (Slovenia); ²94.105. Ensure stable and systematic funding for the media of the Slovenian minority in Hungary, namely for

Radio Monoster/Szentgotthárd, the Porabje weekly and the Slovenian TV programme (Slovenia);

³ 95.24. Implement fully the Agreement on Guaranteeing Special Rights of the Slovenian Minority in the Republic of Hungary and the Hungarian National Community in the Republic of Slovenia and the recommendations of the mixed Slovenian-Hungarian Commission tasked with the monitoring of the implementation of the Agreement (Slovenia);