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UPR of PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Papua New Guinea for their national report and presentation today.

We commend Papua New Guinea for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and urge it to proceed with the ratification of other international human rights instruments. Therefore, we would like to **reiterate our recommendation** made in the previous UPR review to ratify and implement the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and other international human rights treaties and their protocols.

Despite certain legal and institutional developments to address violence against women such as the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence 2015-2050, we remain concerned that these developments do not translate adequately into practice resulting in improved lives of women and girls.

Bearing this in mind, we would like to make the following additional **recommendations** to the Government of Papua New Guinea:

- to launch a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign to educate and change societal attitudes, particularly those that place women in a lower social status than men;
- to enact further measures in order to address gender based violence and achieve gender equality, including by increasing participation of women in decision making;
- to decriminalize all same-sex relations between consenting adults by repealing all relevant provisions of the Criminal Code.

Thank you.