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UPR of SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the report and its presentation today. We welcome information on social security measures taken by the authorities to assist those in need, particularly the Home Help for the Elderly Programme. We further commend Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for their achievements in realizing the right to food and the right to education.

Noting the very low representation of women in high-level positions, including in politics, we **recommend** to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to consider and formulate measures to address this imbalance as a priority. Additionally, we **recommend** to the Government to conduct nation-wide educational campaigns about gender roles and the value of women and girls.

Further noting the prevalence of early and unwanted pregnancy, we **recommend** to the authorities to adopt measures to empower girls and boys to make conscious decisions regarding their health and well-being through mainstreaming of sexual and reproductive health in education.

Finally, we note in the national report that the last death penalty was carried out more than 23 years ago. In light of this we would like to **recommend** to the authorities to consider establishing a formal moratorium on death penalty. We would further like to **recommend** to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures.

Thank you.