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UPR of SURINAME

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Suriname for their presentation today. We welcome the efforts of Suriname in the area of women's rights and gender equality. In this regard we particularly commend the adoption of the new legislation ensuring gender equality in the transmission of nationality.

We further welcome the elimination of the death penalty from Suriname's penal code. Nonetheless, we remain concerned that the death penalty is preserved in the Military Penal Code. In its national report Suriname has announced that the death penalty will soon be abolished and in light of this we would like to **recommend** to Suriname to expedite its efforts to abolish the death penalty.

We further note with concern that Suriname has not yet ratified the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and that its criminal legislation does not define torture in conformity with the international norms. We would therefore like to **recommend** to Suriname to accede to CAT and align its legislation accordingly.

Additionally, we would like to **recommend** to Suriname:

- to amend its legislation in order to increase the minimum age for marriage in line with the international standards;
- to adopt concrete measures to increase the participation of women in the political and public sphere;
- to fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute.

Thank you.