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UPR of SWAZILAND

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Swaziland for their presentation today.

We note Swaziland's ratification of some of the key human rights instruments since its first UPR review, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). However, we regret that after accepting our recommendation from the first cycle to ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC Swaziland decided not to proceed with its ratification.

We welcome the adoption of the Children's Protection and Welfare Act. Nevertheless, we are concerned that its implementation process is hindered and that the juvenile justice system remains largely unchanged. In light of this we would like to reiterate our **recommendation 76.38<sup>1</sup>** from the first cycle.

Reports on the gruesome murders of and violence against women and girls with albinism for ritualistic purposes are especially worrisome. We **recommend** to Swaziland to adopt measure for providing protection to women and girls with albinism, including by effectively investigating all instances of violence against them, and by prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators appropriately.

We note the *de facto* moratorium on the use of death penalty in Swaziland. However, we remain concerned that the death penalty still exists. Therefore, we reiterate our previous **recommendation** for Swaziland to abolish the death penalty.

Additionally, we **recommend** to Swaziland:

- to decriminalize same-sex relations;
- to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, particularly concerning the enjoyment of the right to health;
- to ratify OP CAT.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Ensure the functioning juvenile justice system throughout the country and raise the age of criminal responsibility that comply with the acceptable international standards;