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UPR of TAJIKISTAN

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan and commends the country for the significant progress achieved since its last review, in particular its efforts to foster good governance, decrease poverty and to prioritize education as both a human right and a means to development. We note the good cooperation of Tajikistan with human rights mechanisms and with OHCHR, and welcome the ratification of OP-CEDAW. Furthermore, we're pleased that our past recommendation no. 90.28<sup>1</sup> has been implemented.

Still, much more needs to be done to eliminate discrimination against women and to better protect vulnerable groups, including children and members of sexual minorities. We're concerned by reports that even though the legal minimum age of marriage is 18, child marriage and virginity tests continue to be practiced in some parts of the country, and that while homosexuality had been decriminalized in 1998, homophobia and transphobia remain widespread and result in discriminatory practices against LGBTI individuals.

We offer the following **recommendations**:

- ratify the CRPD and its optional protocol, OP-CAT, and OP2-ICCPR,
- put in place a comprehensive national human rights action plan, in cooperation with civil society,
- adopt concrete measures to tackle structural inequalities, occupational segregation, the gender pay gap, and to ensure equal opportunities for women in all spheres of life,
- conduct mandatory human rights training for law enforcement agencies, including training on hate crimes,
- strengthen sexual and reproductive health education, as recommended by CESC.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> 90.28. Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings and guarantee children's rights to adequate standard of living with special attention to orphans, providing them with access to safe drinking water and education (Slovenia);