**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Uganda**

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Mr. President,

Slovenia wishes to thank the delegation of Uganda for their presentation today and for their dedication to the UPR process.

We wish to **recommend** to Uganda to:

* Decriminalize consensual same-sex sexual relations, de-legalize discrimination against lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender people and discourage harassment and violence against them.
* Strengthen efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls and harmful practices.
* Ensure separation of powers, independence of judiciary and prevent interference of government officials from interfering in judicial proceedings.

We commend Uganda for progress made in the field of human rights, including in legislative measures taken. We encourage Uganda to strengthen its efforts, especially in the fields of women’s empowerment and rights of the child.

We remain strongly concerned over continuous discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

We encourage Uganda to abolish death penalty, especially as de facto moratorium is already in place.

Thank you!