**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of India**

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Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of India to the UPR working group. We welcome India's efforts towards **socio-economic development** and poverty eradication and would like to encourage India to implement a more rights-based approach.

We would like to make the following two **recommendations**:

* Remove the exception related to marital rape from the definition of rape in the Indian Penal Code and criminalise "honour crimes";
* Ratify ILO Convention 182 on Worst Forms of Child Labour and ILO Convention 138 on Minimum Age.

While welcoming India's commitment to addressing **climate change** and reducing its negative impacts on the protection of human rights, we are concerned about the negative consequences of the relaxation of the norms for environmental impact assessment.

We would like to encourage India to strengthen its efforts to end all forms of **violence against women**, particularly sexual violence, and take decisive measures to improve the status of single, separated and widowed women in the society.

We also welcome and encourage further steps for the inclusion of the **human rights education** in schools as a tool to enable social cohesion, peace and prosperity in conflict areas and elsewhere in the country.

Thank you.