**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Tunisia**

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks Tunisia for their commitment to the UPR process, for their national report and presentation made today.

Sloveniawishes to present the following **recommendations** to Tunisia:

* Continue efforts to ensure universal access of Tunisian women to sexual and reproductive health-care services, especially during pregnancy.
* Re-consider ratification of Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

We commend Tunisia for the **institutional and legal progress** made since its last review in many areas, including in reducing the back-log in reporting to UN human rights treaty bodies. We encourage Tunisia to continue those efforts and submit the reports to CEDAW and HRC as soon as possible.

Slovenia encourages Tunisia to keep de facto moratorium on **death penalty** in place and continue efforts to its complete abolition.

We also wish to commend Tunisia for their efforts towards **gender equality**, including for greater inclusion of women in political decision-making. We encourage Tunisia to continue such efforts, especially by removing loopholes in national legislation and with encouraging participation of women in economy and politics.

We recognise the progress made in ensuring international standards in **criminal justice and in deprivation of liberty**. However, we note with concern reports on deaths in detention and on ill-treatment or even torture in the context of counter-terrorism operations. We encourage Tunisia to continue efforts to ensure international human rights standards in criminal justice.

Thank you!

**Questions to be submitted in advance:**

* During the previous UPR review Tunisia supported a recommendation on ratification of CRC Optional Protocol on a communication procedure. In national report it is stated that the draft law has been prepared. Can Tunisia provide any additional information on the status of draft legislation and/or ratification of the optional protocol?
* In the national report Tunisia stipulates activities to abolish death penalty. Has the Government of Tunisia recently been considering a possibility to abolish death penalty in law?
* Does Tunisia take any specific measures towards ensuring protection of human rights of older persons?
* In the last section of the national report Tunisia that it is committed to strengthen efforts to develop comprehensive national human rights policies in different fields, including on the environment. Can the Government of Tunisia provide any details on such human rights policy regarding environment? What topics will it cower and what is a timeline for its adoption?
* Has the Government of Tunisia been considering repealing Article 230 of the Penal Code which condemns male and female homosexuality with a sentence of up to 3 years of imprisonment?