

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

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Excellences,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Bangladesh for their presentation today, as well as country’s commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia acknowledges Bangladesh's progress made since the last UPR review, including the adoption of National action plans to prevent violence against women and children and to end child marriage.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Bangladesh to:

* endorse the draft Law on Reproductive Health and Family Planning without any further delay;
* adopt targeted measures aimed at accelerating access to safe drinking water for ethnic minorities, women and girls, older persons and coastal population, *within water-related national plans, policies and strategies*;
* to reduce the gender pay gap and incorporate the principle of equal pay for work of equal value into legislation..

Thank you.