

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Excellences,

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

Slovenia acknowledges Burkina Faso's progress made since the last UPR review, including positive steps taken with the awareness-raising activities on issues related to the sexual and

reproductive health of adolescents and young people.

We would however like to express our serious concern about the persistent high rate of the child and forced marriage.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Burkina Faso to:

Set and implement the minimum legal age for marriage at 18, equally for boys and girls, and ensure accountability for violations of the law.

Thank you.