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**UPR44 – CAMEROON**

**Statement by Slovakia**

14 November 2023

Mr. Vice-President,

Slovakia **commends** Cameroon for implementing the recommendations from previous UPR cycle such as the **ratification of several UN HR treaties**.

Slovakia regrets to see **serious human rights violations** such as killings or abductions where vulnerable groups, especially **children**, are targeted. We encourage Cameroon to continue the paths of **ensuring accountability** for HR violations.

While noting there was no execution for many years, we encourage Cameroon to legally **abolish the death penalty**.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to Cameroon:

1. Ensure the **safety of journalists** and **investigate all cases** of killings, torture, or violence against journalists;
2. Ensure that women and men have **equal rights to nationality**, particularly with regard to acquisition, change, retention or conferral of nationality;
3. Ensure the **access to education** for all children, notably in the North-West and South-West regions;
4. **Ratify** OP CRC on a communications procedure.

Thank you, M. Vice-President.