

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Chad for the national report, its presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to make to Chad the following recommendations:

* to ensure training, awareness and popularization of the provisions of the new Penal Code relating to the criminalization of torture, and ensure the effective application of these provisions in practices.
* to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We commend Chad for abolishing the death penalty for all crimes, including acts of terrorism in 2020. However, the State has yet to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR in order to make the abolition definitive and irrevocable.

I thank you.