

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation of Mauritius for the national report, its presentation and commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to make the following recommendation:

* Ensure the full implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plan on the Elimination of Gender-based Violence and provide an effective response to gender-based violence, especially in the cases of domestic violence;

Slovenia commends Mauritius' cooperation with human rights mechanisms, treaty bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council. We welcome Mauritian ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

While noting numerous measures adopted by Mauritius on gender equality, we remain concerned about the low level of female participation in the labour market, high unemployment rate, prominent gender pay gap, high rates of absenteeism in primary and secondary education among girls and low levels of women's participation in political and other areas of public life. We would like to encourage Mauritius to identify and address all barriers to women entering the labour market and political life, and ensuring the continuing education of girls, while also closing the gender pay gap.

Despite Mauritius' efforts of a common curriculum taught in school to all, Slovenia further encourages inclusion of mandatory education for girls and boys on sexual and reproductive health and rights to combat social taboos and gender-based stereotypes and availability of modern available, accessible and affordable contraceptives.

Thank you.