

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

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

Slovenia would like to make the following recommendation:

* systematically investigate the crimes and discrimination perpetrated, motivated by the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity, to fight impunity and prosecute and punish the perpetrators of such violence appropriately to further protect the LGBTI+ persons;

Slovenia attaches great importance to the rights of older persons, and welcomes the ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons.

While we take note of numerous legislative and institutional measures adopted by Mexico in regards to gender equality, non-discrimination of women and girls, gender parity, economic empowerment of women and reducing gender wage gap, violence against women and femicides, we remain concerned about persistent gender stereotypes which negatively impact women and girls and the increasing numbers of violence against women and femicides despite all the efforts made.

While Mexico has taken legislative and institutional measures for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists, Slovenia remains concerned about the continuing attacks on them, especially on women defenders and journalists and those defending the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Thank you.