

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

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

Slovenia would like to make the following recommendations:

* to extend a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedure mandate holders;
* to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

We welcome information on the achievements in gender parity and empowerment of women in Senegal and encourage continued efforts to end female genital mutilation and early and forced marriage.

Thank you.