

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation for the national report and the presentation today.

Slovenia is concerned by the reports on human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular on human rights of women and girls. We remain concerned about the continued practice of capital punishment and public executions, which represents direct violations of Afghanistan's obligations as per international human rights law.

We would like to make the following **recommendations:**

* to ensure the compliance of Afghanistan with international human rights obligations, codified in the human rights treaties to which Afghanistan is a state party to, including CEDAW;
* to reverse laws and policies of unacceptable repression of women's and girls' rights, and take steps to enable their full, equal, meaningful and safe participation in all spheres of public life;
* to develop a comprehensive national healthcare plan that would ensure women and girls access to healthcare services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare services and information;
* to prohibit all forms of discrimination and violence against children, especially girls, in all settings, including by immediately reinstating the Law on Protection of Child Rights and ensure its full implementation.

Thank you.