

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation of Comoros for its commitment to the UPR process.

We welcome the progress made by the Comorian Government in regards to ratifying the fundamental international human rights instruments and we would like to encourage the Comorian Government to keep up their efforts.

While noting measures adopted by the Comorian Government in order to ensure gender equality, we remain concerned about the stigmatization of women human rights defenders, traditional beliefs about gender roles and poverty remaining a significant obstacle to the education of girls, persistent high number of early and forced marriages and with that related early pregnancies and low women's participation in political and public life.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Comoros to establish an institution, which identify, support and provide shelter to survivors of gender-based, physical, sexual, domestic or any other form of violence.

Thank you.