

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

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

We note the launch of the National Gender Equity and Equality Plan 2020–2030 and the work to increase political participation of women. We commend the abolishment of child marriage by raising the minimum age to 18 years, in line with the recommendations of the 3rd cycle of the UPR review process.

Nevertheless, Slovenia remains concerned regarding the high incidence of violence against women in the country, persistence of discriminatory gender stereotypes, criminalization of abortion under all circumstances as well as the lack of legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. We are also concerned by the mass deportations of Haitians and people of Haitian descent, particularly children and pregnant women.

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

* To continue and intensify actions to protect women’s rights, including from domestic and gender-based violence, and further promote gender equality.
* To continue and intensify actions to eliminate all forms of discrimination, including directed towards the LGBTIQ+ community as well as migrants and their descendants.

Thank you.