

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation of New Zealand for the national report and the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia welcomes the progress made by the Government of New Zealand in several areas. We commend New Zealand for the adoption of the Te Aorerekura – National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence, launched in December 2021.

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

* Prioritise concrete steps to reduce the persisting high number of children who experience poverty, in particular among Māori and Pasifika children;
* Advance discussions to determine and implement the appropriate constitutional processes and institutions to recognise, respect, and give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi in New Zealand.

We wish New Zealand every success in this UPR process

Thank you.