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**Slovakia**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of Slovakia at today’s UPR and expresses its appreciation for its report.

We welcome Slovakia’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We commend its efforts towards gender equality and women’s rights, notably the adoption of the National Action Plan for Women’s Employment 2022-2030 and the approval of a National Action plan for the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women 2022-2027.

Cyprus would like to recommend Slovakia the following:

1. To enact comprehensive legislation on the prevention and elimination of violence against women.
2. To take further measures to promote the right to take part in cultural life by fully implementing the provisions of relevant Conventions to which is a party to.
3. Clearly prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings, as recommended by the Committee against Torture.

Thank you.