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**Statement**

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**Review of Slovakia**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Slovakia to this UPR session and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

North Macedonia congratulates Slovakia on the approval of the National Action Plan for the Prevention and Elimination of violence against women and the Strategy for Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities.

We believe that progress can still be made in the fight against multiple forms of discrimination and women's rights in particular Roma women.

North Macedonia recommends the following:

1. To provide sufficient resources to implement national strategies related to gender equality and take further steps to prevent and address violence against women including domestic violence;
2. To take necessary steps to fully implement the Strategy for Equality, Inclusion and Participation of Roma until 2030, paying particular attention to the fulfilment of the rights to education, health and housing of marginalized Roma communities.

North Macedonia wishes Slovakia successful UPR session.

I thank you, Mr. President.