

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

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Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Slovakia for the national report and he commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia welcomes positive measures aimed at preventing and combating violence against women, children and domestic violence, with the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and National Strategy and Action plan for the Protection of Children from Violence.

However, we encourage Slovakia to adopt additional measures to increase freedom of expression; improve access of Roma and refugee children to education, and prevent violence against women.

We **recommend** to Slovakia:

* To adopt legislation to protect freedom of the press and the rights of journalists, and ensure effective protection of journalists against harassment, intimidation, threats and other restrictions on their rights.
* To eliminate all forms of segregation in education, including segregated schools and classes for Roma children and adopt a plan for inclusive educational approaches in learning environments at all levels and for all children.

I thank you!