

**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Dear President,

Vanuatu welcomes to the delegation of Slovakia and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu congratulates Slovakia for its commendable efforts in ensuring the right to life, liberty, and security of person, with a particular focus on addressing the vulnerabilities of women and children, as highlighted by international committees.

In a constructive spirit, Vanuatu encourages Slovakia:

1. to develop and enact policies aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change while ensuring the protection of human rights, particularly those vulnerable to the impacts of environmental degradation.
2. to fully implement provisions of relevant cultural heritage conventions, fostering access and participation, thus upholding the right to cultural life as defined in international declarations and covenants.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Slovakia a successful UPR.

I thank you.