

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Vanuatu for their commitment to the UPR process. We welcome the progress in relation to the human rights commitments and obligations since the last UPR review.

We commend engagement of Vanuatu in relation to climate change issues, including initiating a General Assembly resolution leading to a request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the Obligation of States in respect of Climate Change. Slovenia supported the resolution and submitted a written statement to the ICJ.

Slovenia appreciates Vanuatu's support for HRC resolutions on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

We would like to make following **recommendations**:

* Further mainstream human rights-based approach in policies and measures taken towards mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
* Incorporate the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in legal system.

We call upon Vanuatu to step up efforts to prevent and punish domestic violence and violence against women and girls.

We wish Vanuatu every success in this UPR process.

Thank you.