

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Yemen for its commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia is concerned by the human rights situation in the country. We encourage Yemen to continue to pursue operational measures to promote human rights and to prevent the recruitment of child soldiers.

We remain concerned about the information regarding trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and about the high percentage of cases connected to all forms of violence against women.

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

* To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and the Rome Statute of the ICC.
* To to criminalize all forms of violence against women, including sexual harassment, domestic violence and marital rape, and to ensure the inclusive participation of women at all stages of the peace process.

Thank you.