

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks Costa Rica for its commitment to the UPR process.

We welcome the Government's efforts to address and promote equitable distribution of parental responsibilities through the adoption of legislation enshrining the right to paternity leave in the public and private sectors and the adoption of The National Policy for Children and Adolescents 2024–2036.

We remain concerned regarding the enrolment gaps for children in rural and coastal areas, children of African descent, children with disabilities, migrant children and high dropout rates among the financially disadvantaged. Therefore, we **recommend** to Costa Rica to enhance outreach and support to increase the participation of adolescent in education, especially in poorer households.

Slovenia would also like to **recommend** to Costa Rica to ratify the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement).

Thank you.