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**Statement by Slovakia**

13 November 2024

Mme Vice-President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua.

Slovakia notes with concern ongoing serious human rights violations in the country.

As we also note that most of the recommendations made during the third cycle of the UPR remain valid, Slovakia **offers the following recommendations to Nicaragua:**

1. to protect the rights of all individuals to the freedoms of expression and association and to repeal the restrictive laws that are in violation of the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention, freedom of movement, as they are protected under international law;
2. to guarantee to every accused person a fair, speedy, and public trial and to release all individuals who had been arbitrarily detained;
3. to guarantee the protection of the right to nationality and to restore the status of all those who were deprived of their citizenship arbitrarily;
4. to fully respect the freedom of religion or belief and to end the persecution of the Catholic Church and its members;
5. to fully cooperate with the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua established by the HRC, other United Nations mechanisms and Treaty bodies and implement their recommendations.

We wish Nicaragua a successful review.

Thank you.