

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation of Italy for the national report, its presentation today and the commitment to the UPR process.

We commend Italy for its ratification of the Kampala Amendments to Rome Statute and welcome its expansion of spelling marks (diacritical marks) in the relevant public system, allowing the correct spelling of the names and surnames of members of the Slovenian minority in Italian passports.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Italy to strengthen efforts to establish an independent national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris principles. Slovenia would also like to **recommend** to Italy to adopt appropriate measures to ensure full implementation of Article 26 of the Law No. 38/2001 on facilitation of the election of candidates belonging to the Slovenian minority to Italian representative bodies at national and regional level, also in light of the present institutional reforms.

Thank you.