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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

Australia thanks the delegation of Slovenia for their presentation.

Australia acknowledges Slovenia’s efforts to champion gender equality domestically and internationally. We welcome progress on equality for LGBTQIA+ persons in Slovenia, including same-sex marriage legalisation and provision of full adoption rights.

Australia also recognises actions taken by Slovenia to remedy historical wrongdoings against ‘erased’ persons, [or people who lived in Slovenia without citizenship following the breakup of the former Yugoslavia].

Australia recommends **Slovenia**:

1. **Eliminate all forms of segregation of Roma peoples, including through the provision of equal access to water, electricity, sanitation, education and housing.**
2. **Combat human trafficking by dedicating resources to improve victim identification and enhancing investigation and prosecution efforts against traffickers.**
3. **Improve access to healthcare services, particularly for older persons, women and other people in vulnerable situations, including by addressing workforce shortages in the sector.**

Thank you.