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President,

Belgium commends Slovenia for its efforts and notable progress since its previous UPR, particularly in the fight against gender-based violence and the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Notwithstanding these efforts, room for progress remains, in particular regarding the implementation of legislation on gender based violence, the discrimination of minorities and press freedom.

Belgium therefore recommends the government of Slovenia to:

**R1.** Strengthen the implementation of existing legislation to ensure that all cases of gender-based violence are duly investigated and prosecuted, perpetrators are adequately punished and victims have access to appropriate redress, including compensation

**R2.** Continue efforts to promote the non-discriminatory access of Roma to decent housing

**R3.** Take effective measures to ensure the independence and freedom of the press and reinforce the protection of journalists.

Thank you.