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**Universal Periodic Review of SLOVENIA**

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To be delivered by

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Speaking Time: 1 minute and 15 seconds

Mr. President, we welcome the distinguished delegation of Slovenia.

We laud Slovenia’s leadership and initiatives in the multilateral arena on human rights education and the rights of older persons to which the Philippines also attaches high importance.

We recognize the important steps take to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle, particularly on strengthening protection mechanisms for groups in vulnerable situations, gender equality, and combatting gender-based violence and human trafficking.

To build on these accomplishments, allow us to recommend the following:

1. Continue to strengthen efforts to address the low conviction rate in human trafficking cases;
2. Further ensure accessible and effective compensation mechanisms for victims of trafficking, including by providing legal support, among others; and
3. Bolster the campaign against domestic violence, including intimate partner violence, by intensifying awareness campaigns and strengthening the special crisis referral centers and other measures outlined in the national program 2024-2029.

The Philippines wishes Slovenia a successful review. Thank you. END