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**Mr. President**,

Sierra Leone extends a warm welcome and thanks **H.E. Ms. Tanja FAJON, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs,**and the delegation from the Republic of Slovenia for the national report.

My delegation commends Slovenia for its accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. This development signifies a substantial advancement in ensuring the rights and security of individuals confronted with the challenges posed by their uncertain legal status and nationality.

Slovenia's achievement in being ranked as the world's best performer in the UNICEF child poverty index is also commendable.

While acknowledging that the fight against discrimination is included in its migration strategy, we encourage Slovenia to ensure that the treatment of migrants at the border, particularly by security forces and law enforcement agencies, remains fully consistent with its New Government Strategy on Immigration and international human rights standards.

In a spirit of constructive dialogue, we offer the following recommendations for Slovenia’s consideration:

1.    Encourage the continued implementation of measures to provide safe and enabling environment protocols for marginalized groups, including Roma children, migrants, and other vulnerable populations.

2.    Continue taking concrete and targeted actions to address poverty and reduce inequalities within society.

3.    Strengthen efforts to combat hate speech by enhancing inter-agency collaboration and establishing a comprehensive national action plan.

Sierra Leone extends its best wishes to the Republic of Slovenia for a successful fourth cycle UPR.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**