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**Statement delivered by Sumbue ANTAS**

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Vanuatu warmly welcomes the High-Level delegation of Slovenia and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Vanuatu recognizes that Slovenia has made commendable progress in strengthening human rights protections through recent legislative and policy advancements, demonstrating a commitment to addressing pressing issues and fulfilling international obligations.

Vanuatu particularly welcomes the Child Guarantee National Action Plan 2022–2030 adopted in 2023 which aims to create equal opportunities for all children and to prevent the intergenerational transmission of poverty.

It is in this spirit of constructive engagement that Vanuatu respectfully recommendsSlovenia to:

* Continue its effort to promote rights to health and the protection of vulnerable groups, including women, persons with disabilities, older persons,
* develop mechanisms to amplify the voices of older persons in decision-making processes, ensuring their perspectives and needs are fully considered.

Vanuatu wishes the delegation of Slovenia a successful UPR.

I thank you.