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**UPR41 – POLAND**

**Statement by Slovakia**

15 November 2022

Vice-President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Poland to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We appreciate Poland`s proactive approach, determined and full-fledged engagement with regard to the unprecedented humanitarian challenge, especially the help to more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees. We appreciate that Poland legalized their status and opened for them its labour market and education system.

We follow with interest the initiation of the justice system reform. Moreover, we are encouraging the government to boost the legislative process in line with the European standards and in cooperation with European institutions.

We follow with interest also the activities aimed at improving the rights of persons with disabilities (family policy, education, access to information, mobility). We appreciate the establishment of the position of the Government Plenipotentiary for Persons with disabilities (Deputy Minister for Family and Social Policy) and various related Government Programmes (Solidarity Fund, Accessibility Plus, For the Life etc.)

We would like to offer following recommendations to Poland for further consideration:

1. Consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
2. Consider the ratification of the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances.
3. To continue the broad dialogue with the European Union and other relevant international institutions on open human rights issues.

We wish Poland a successful review.

I thank you, Vice-President.