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**UPR41 – India**

**Statement by Slovakia**

10 November 2022

President,

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

We commend India for taking positive steps to use of clean energy and diversification of renewable energy choices.

We commend India also for the adoption of the strategy for poverty alleviation, employing both short-term and long-term initiatives and operationalizing holistic measurement of poverty by developing national multidimensional poverty index. Fulfilment of basic needs is done through a variety of measures, including, distribution of food grains, employment guarantee, direct transfer of cash to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries, etc.

At the same time, we cannot ignore some negative trends in the freedom of expression and press freedom across the country and online.

We invite India to ratify the core UN human rights treaties to which it is not yet party and incorporate them into its national legislation.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to India for further consideration:

1. ratify the UN CAT;

2. fully and legally abolish the death penalty;

3. effectively implement the prohibition of child labour;

4. properly apply the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act in compliance with international human rights standards.

We wish India a successful review.

I thank you, President.