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**UPR41 – United Kingdom**

**Statement by Slovakia**

10 November 2022

President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We appreciate the leading role of the United Kingdom as an active defender and promoter of human rights across the world.

We commend the adoption of the Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations in 2021 that put in place sanctions measures to prevent and combat serious corruption.

Slovakia believes that the rights of the child play an important role and should be seriously considered in the policy-making process of any country. We encourage the UK to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to the UK for further consideration:

1. To maintain its international obligations and international standards in accordance with the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.
2. To ensure that the European Convention on Human Rights is fully implemented and given effect in UK law.

We wish the UK a successful review.

I thank you, President.