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**Statement by Slovakia**

23 January 2023

President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Argentina and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We appreciate the efforts of Argentina in the protection of human rights during its second term as the UN HRC member. In particular, we applaud an excellent work performed by the 2022 Human Rights Council President, H.E. Ambassador Federico Villegas.

We also commend the adoption of the working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance by Argentina in 2020 and the use of this definition by Argentinian judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in practice.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to Argentina for further consideration:

1. To introduce measures to efficiently combat the worrying level of violence against women and girls throughout the country;
2. To improve the protection, support and assistance for the victims of gender-based violence;
3. To effectively pursue the principle of the independence of the judiciary.

We wish Argentina a successful review.

I thank you, President.