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**Statement by Slovakia**

8 May 2023

Mr. President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We acknowledge efforts to improve domestic human rights situation, including the adoption of legal reforms in socio-economic area, and empowerment of women. Slovakia also values the UAE’s engagement in humanitarian assistance.

The opening of the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi this year where a church, mosque and a synagogue are located at the same place was a significant step to promote interreligious dialogue.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to UAE for further consideration:

1. ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

2. ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We wish the United Arab Emirates a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.