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**UPR29 – United Arab Emirates**

**Statement by Slovakia**

22 January 2018

Mr. President,

Slovakia praises the United Arab Emirates for its efforts to address human rights related issues. Slovakia appreciates the opportunity for a dialog that the UAE conducts with the EU.

We also note with appreciation the recent adoption of the Domestic Labour Law in 2017 and recommend its full implementation.

Furthermore, we welcome accession of the UAE to the Optional protocol to the CRC on the sale of children in March 2016. At the same time, we recommend that the UAE take further steps and provide necessary resources to ensure effective implementation of the CRC, including ratification of two remaining optional protocols to the CRC (i.e. on the involvement of children in armed conflict and on the communications procedure).

Furthermore, Slovakia recommends that the UAE establish an official moratorium on executions and ratify the ICCPR and its Second Optional Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

At the same time, Slovakia recommends taking legislative measures to enable Emirati women to transfer nationality to their children without restrictions. We also recommend that the UAE accede to and fully implement the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions (NB: the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons).

We wish the UAE a successful review.

I thank you.