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**UPR32 – Yemen**

**Statement by Slovakia**

23 January 2018

Mr. President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Yemen to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report and the participation in the review process.

We are seriously concerned by the tremendous humanitarian consequences of the ongoing military conflict in the country. In particular, we regret the devastating impact of the war on children, women and other vulnerable groups of society. Therefore, we recommend that all parties to the conflict refrain from all armed hostilities complying with the terms of the Hodeidah ceasefire agreement and Resolutions 2451 and 2452 of the U.N. Security Council.

We are fully aware that enjoyment of human rights requires sustainable peace, political stability, and economic prosperity. For this reason, we recommend that the Government of Yemen and relevant stakeholders engage in good faith in continuous peace negotiations led by U.N. Special Envoy to Yemen, Mr. Martin Griffiths and respect their outcome.

We wish Yemen a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.