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**UPR33 – Ethiopia**

**Statement by Slovakia**

14 May 2019

Madam Vice-President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia to this UPR session.

We note with appreciation efforts of the Government of Ethiopia to achieve progress in the human rights situation in the country, including more inclusive and democratic political process and increased role of women in political life.

However, we also note reports about the high levels of child sexual abuse and a high proportion of children who do not complete primary education.

Slovakia recommends that Ethiopia:

1. finalize the revision of the key national legislation including the Election Law, Media Law, and the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation and ensure their effective implementation;
2. ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure;
3. ensure proper prosecution of alleged perpetrators of child abuses, and develop training programmes to effectively identify, report and manage ill-treatment and abuse cases;
4. develop its legislative framework on education in order to guarantee the right to education for all and take effective measures in support of children at the primary education.

We wish Ethiopia a successful review.

I thank you, Madam Vice-President.