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**Review of Slovenia**

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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Christopher Grima,**

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, Madam Vice-President.

Malta warmly welcomes H.E. Dr. Miro Cerar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and the delegation of Slovenia and thanks them for the presentation of the country’s national report. We commend the progress Slovenia made since its second review cycle, its ratification of several international human rights instruments, its increased protections against discrimination, measures to protect minorities and efforts towards the prevention of violence against women.

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Slovenia:

1. Ensure that police and border guards provide adequate information to asylum-seekers and migrants about relevant procedures and their rights in the language(s) that they understand;
2. Adopt legal provisions that will allow legal gender recognition to transgender individuals and take meaningful steps to sensitise authorities and the public to their human rights;
3. Work towards ending protocols that aim to ‘normalise’ intersex bodies through harmful and medical practices including non-consensual surgeries.

We wish the delegation of Slovenia a successful review.

Thank you.