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**UPR36 – Libya**

Statement by Slovakia

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Madam President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Libya to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

The ceasefire as well as the recent resumption of the political process bring a glimmer of hope also for improvement of the human rights situation in the country. Slovakia commends Libya for the ratification of the CRPD in 2018 and notes with appreciation that Libya has ratified almost all the major human rights treaties.

However, we have also noted with concern reports of discriminatory treatment against persons belonging to religious minorities, in particular Christians.

In order to improve its legislative framework further, Slovakia *recommends* that Libya:

1. Ratify the CED;
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure;
3. Establish an official moratorium on executions and immediately commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment;
4. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
5. Adopt a law against all forms of discrimination in order to prevent and address violence and discrimination on any grounds, including religion, and hold perpetrators of violent acts to account.

We wish Libya successful implementation of recommendations.

I thank you Madam President.