



Statement by Slovenia
at the
44th Session of the Human Rights Council

**ID with Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women Intervention of
Slovenia**

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Madame President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement.

At the beginning let me reiterate Slovenia's strong support for the promotion and protection of human rights of women and girls and our firm opposition to all forms of discrimination and violence against them. It is unacceptable that women still face multiple and often intersecting forms of discrimination.

Universal maternity, paternity and parental leave is of great importance for achieving an even division of tasks between parents or legal guardians. The burden of raising and caring for children in most families falls on women, who are consequently at a worse starting point than men in creating a career. For this reason, it is extremely important to provide accessible and quality care for children. Only in this way will we be able to provide non-discriminatory conditions for women who, despite caring for their families, want to establish themselves in their own careers.

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls has been and will remain high on our political agenda, domestically and internationally. Our guidance to eradicate discrimination on the basis of gender lies in our Constitution and following legislation. We remain fully committed to this end.

Thank you!