



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes delegation of Mauritius and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We would like to **recommend** Mauritius to adopt, without delay, a consolidated Children's Bill allowing the Convention on the rights of the child to be properly domesticated.

Slovenia welcomes the progress made at institutional level through the creation of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms as well as the setting up of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up under the said Ministry to coordinate with the Human Rights Council ahead of the UPR.

Equally, improvement has been noted at legislation level with a number of new laws adopted or being under the procedure. Furthermore, we are pleased to note that efforts have been put in the capacity-building and training programmes on human rights for law enforcement officials, judiciary, youth, women and girls in schools.

There are, however, challenges that need to be addressed promptly. We remain concerned by the reports regarding persons belonging to vulnerable groups, in particular on violence against children, child sexual exploitation, underage marriages and teenage pregnancy. Furthermore, the implementation of the newly adopted laws regarding women remains a concern due to reports on domestic violence and gender equality.

Thank you.