



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Mexico for their presentation today and for their dedication to the UPR process.

We wish to **recommend** to Mexico:

1. Allocate sufficient financial and human resources to the national mechanism for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists.
2. Harmonize federal and state legislation with a view to decriminalize abortion at least in cases of rape, incest or danger to the women's health and life.
3. Enhance efforts towards eradication of gender stereotypes that have negative impact on the situation of women, in particular those from the rural areas.

We commend Mexico's cooperation with human rights mechanisms, treaty bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

We noted that despite the legislative and institutional measures undertaken by the Government to protect human rights defenders and journalists, threats, attacks and murders have not ceased or diminished.

We encourage Mexico to introduce gender-based approach for protection measures of women defenders or journalists, in particular when addressing impunity.

Thank you!