



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia wishes to commend the distinguished delegation of Nigeria for their presentation of the national report as well as the commitment to the UPR process.

We would like to put forward the following **recommendation**:

- to provide the overall applicability of the Child's Rights Act 2003 by ensuring that the remaining 12 states adopt the law without delay.

Slovenia attaches great importance to the right of a child. While Nigeria has accepted our UPR2 recommendation, we continue to be concerned by the fact that The Child's Rights Act from 2003 has only been passed in 24 states (the remaining states being in the Northeast and Northwest of the country) and that the enforcement of the new legislation to combat human trafficking (Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition), Enforcement and Administration Act from 2015) remains challenging as reports continue on children being subject to domestic and international trafficking, sexual abuse, economic exploitation and "baby farming". Equally, the problem of early marriages continues to persist.

Furthermore, while there has been legislative progress made regarding the prohibition of gender violence including a ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) by passing the Violence against Persons Prohibition Act (VAPPA), we are concerned by the fact, that CEDAW has still not been effectively domesticated as the VAPPA applies only in 13 states and the implementation of laws on the ground seems to be slow.

Thank you.