



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Saudi Arabia for the national report, its presentation today and its commitment to the UPR process.

We would like to submit to Saudi Arabia the following recommendations:

1. To abolish the guardianship system, and provide legal equality for women in the Saudi legislation;
2. To immediately declare a moratorium on the death penalty;
3. To conduct a full, credible, transparent and independent investigation into alleged killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Slovenia would like to commend some of the positive changes since the recent review, such as the lift of the driving ban for women, as well as the new labour law of 2015.

However, a number of HR concerns still remain. The male guardianship system remains the main barrier to the women empowerment. Furthermore, we remain deeply concerned over the increase in the use of death penalty.

We were also profoundly shocked over the alleged killing of Mr Jamal Khashoggi. Slovenia firmly believes that perpetrators of this atrocious act need to be brought to justice.

Thank you.