



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

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Qatar for their presentation today.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Qatar:

- To criminalize domestic violence including by introducing a definition which would contain also protection for domestic workers;
- To amend its citizenship laws to allow children to acquire their nationality through both maternal and paternal line without distinction.

We commend Qatar's accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We encourage Qatar to consider also lifting its reservations to these instruments.

We note Government's efforts to address violence against women and domestic violence and the needs of its victims. We further note the adoption of the Permanent Residency Act which among others allows children of Qatari women married to non-Qatari nationals to gain permanent residence and thus have access to public healthcare and education. However, further efforts are needed in this regard since discrimination and violence against women remain a concern.

Thank you.