



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr. President,

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

We would like to provide with the following **recommendation**:

- to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- to establish and strengthen domestic legislation to combat and eliminate harmful practices, including on female genital mutilation and
- to create a holistic framework for addressing harmful practices.

We believe that signing, ratifying and implementing all core instruments of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law are of key significance for every UN Member State. Addressing the rights of all members of the society, especially women and girls, is of high relevance to implementing human rights for all. Promoting equality and properly addressing harmful practices, marginalization and exclusion can prevent human rights abuses.

Thank you.