



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
at the

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Madam President,

Slovenia wishes to commend the delegation of Guinea-Bissau for their commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to recommend to Guinea-Bissau:

- to ensure the effective implementation of gender equality laws and policies by taking concrete measures to address discrimination and violence against women and girls, including harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and child marriage.

Slovenia would like to note some efforts by the authorities of Guinea-Bissau to address human rights issues in the country, in particular improvement of the normative framework on child protection and on empowerment of women.

However, we are concerned by the reports that the rights of children and youth had been neglected, which resulted also in decrease of level of birth registration, school attendance and completion of basic education as well as in the prevalence of child marriage, early pregnancies, trafficking in children, child labour, sexual exploitation and abuse of children, malnutrition and child mortality.

Thank you!