



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Madam President,

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

We would like to **recommend** to Armenia to ratify the Istanbul convention.

We would like to congratulate Armenia on its substantial democratic progress and pursuit of a strong reform agenda in the field of rule of law and fight against corruption.

Members of vulnerable groups continue to face discrimination and Slovenia believes more can be done to fight discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, identity and other personal circumstances. Adoption of relevant laws should be followed with proper implementation and efficient awareness raising campaigns.

Combating impunity for crimes against vulnerable groups, activists and human rights defenders would be a significant step forward and it would generally improve the rule of law.

Thank you.