

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes the commitment of the delegation of Israel to the UPR process and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Slovenia notes with concern the **announcements of legislative amendmends and judicial reform**, including the reinstatement of death penalty and the adoption of a Death Penalty Bill.

We are concerned about **human rights violations against Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory**. We recommend the government of Israel toend the use of solitary confinement and administrative detention against children and enshrine the prohibition in law.

Slovenia welcomes the accepted recommendations on **LGBTI rights** from the previous UPR cycle. We recommend, however, to develop and implement additional legal measures, public policies and social awareness campaigns to **eliminate violence, hate speech and discrimination** based on sexual orientations and gender identity.

Slovenia recommends the Israeli government to review its legislation and mainstream a **human rights-based approach to environmental policies**.

Thank you.

**Preliminary question:**

- Could you provide us with information on future intentions with regard to the legislative proposal related to reinstatement of death penalty and the adoption of a Death Penalty Bill?