



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the  
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Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on on the elimination of  
discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members**

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Mr President,

Allow me to express our appreciation for the presentations by the Special Rapporteur on the right to health and the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members.

Madame Special Rapporteur,

Thank you for the report outlining your vision, priorities and working methods for the next three years. We value your analysis of the extent of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members. Slovenia supports efforts to achieve full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for every human being without discrimination on any grounds.

We underline your claim that continued transmission of leprosy is a fact. That is one of the reasons why Slovenia discussed the spread of leprosy among the Nuba in the Sudan at the WHO and will lend financial support to treatment of the affected population and prevention of further transmission of the disease. The human and social aspects of the fight against this disease are important elements of the WHO Global Leprosy Strategy 2016-2020 and have our full support.

Madame,

In this light Slovenia supports your intention to give particular attention to the groups that live in more vulnerable conditions to leprosy-related discrimination.

Thank you.