

Statement by the Republic of Slovenia at the 41st Session of the UN Human Rights Council Interactive dialogue with the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practice

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU. We thank the members of the Working Group for their work in the last year and for their latest report.

Mr President, Mme Chair,

Deprivation of liberty is always a delicate issue in the field of human rights. We share the concerns of the latest report, that women often face deprivation of liberty just because of their sex and gender. The findings of the report on how multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination have very concrete effects on women, deprived of liberty.

Allow me to reiterate Slovenia's commitment to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women. My country has been actively addressing gender stereotypes among population. In the last years, we have carried out several awareness raising campaigns focused on gender stereotypes as well as on promoting equal sharing of household and care responsibilities in our society.

Mme Chair,

In the report the Working Group has recommended to member states and other stakeholders to introduce and implement innovative measures to fight gender stereotypes of all forms and at all levels. Can you elaborate on any existing innovative models with good track record?

Mr President, last but not least, allow me to express the support of Slovenia to the mandate of the Working Group. We remain convinced that the Council should renew its mandate and enable continuous work on the burning issue of discrimination against women and girls. Thank you!