**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Argentina**

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks Argentina for the report, presentation and its commitment to the UPR process.

After reviewing the national report, we particularly welcome the information on steps taken to address poor prison conditions and increased compliance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

At the same time my country remains concerned over stagnation of the maternal mortality rate, especially in the rural areas.

We offer the following **recommendations**:

1. Develop policies to reduce high maternal mortality rates due to unsafe abortions, including the adoption of measures to ensure broad, affordable access to available abortion medication.
2. Guarantee access to legal abortions in all jurisdictions throughout the country, supported by publicity campaigns on the right to legally interrupt pregnancy in the cases provided for by law, as well as training for healthcare workers.
3. Prohibit by law the confinement of more persons than the number of spots available in places of detention. In addition, establish by law mechanisms to immediately solve overcrowding.

As a strong advocate of women empowerment and gender equality Slovenia sees the need for Argentina to ensure women access to appropriate services in connection with pregnancy and to increase the budget allocations for these services in rural and remote areas.

Thank you.