



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Israel and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We are concerned about reports of ill treatment of Palestinian minors above the age of 12, in Israeli prisons and detention. We are surprised about lengthy prison sentences for throwing stones or similar acts.

Slovenia welcomes the adoption of the plan for the Bedouin population in the Negev but regrets that the plan disregards about 35 unrecognized Bedouin villages with about 70.000 citizens.

The Government of Israel recently announced "a plan to deport illegal infiltrators", whereas certain asylum-seekers would be offered a relocation to African countries or in case of refusal to leave Israel, would risk a detention or imprisonment.

We would like to make to the Government of Israel the following **recommendations**:

1. Ensure the implementation of international standards as well as recommendations by UNICEF related to Palestinian minors in Israeli detention and prisons.
2. Legally recognize unrecognized Bedouin villages in the Negev and improve access of all Bedouin citizens to basic services, including adequate housing, water and sanitation, health care and education.
3. Ensure access for asylum-seekers in Israel to a fair and prompt refugee status determination process.