



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

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

We understand that the national report has been submitted in a context of the implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali resulting from the Algiers Process, which also contains the promotion and protection of human rights over the last five years.

Slovenia notes with appreciation Mali's ratification of several human rights instruments. Besides, it is well acknowledged that the Government introduced several bills to bring national legislation into line with international human rights conventions.

With a view to enhance Mali's efforts in promotion and protection of human rights of its whole population, we offer **the following recommendations:**

1. Adopt legislation against gender discrimination, that, *inter alia*, will prohibit all forms of gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation (FGM), and promote and protect human rights of women and girls in Mali.
2. Enact adequate measures to ensure medical, psychosocial and judicial support for the victims of serious human rights violations, in particular former child soldiers and victims of sexual crimes, including conflict-related sexual violence.

Thank you!