



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

my country welcomes the contribution of delegation of Romania at today's UPR review and thanks them for their commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia regrets a continuous high rate of teenage pregnancies, which remains among the highest in the region and could be attributed to absence of a national strategy on reproductive health.

We would like to commend Romania's enhancement of protection of rights of the child thru recent adoption of legislation on access to healthcare and community services for disadvantaged persons, legislation on children with disabilities, as well as on access to education. Furthermore, Slovenia also welcomes the prepared Law on mandatory vaccination of children and risk groups.

Taking this into account, Slovenia recommends to Romania to:

1. Introduce education for sexual and reproductive health in the core curriculum for secondary education including by setting out a concrete timeline of implementation of such a measure,
2. Implement the law on the creation of an independent and autonomous Children's Ombudsperson under existing Ombudsperson institution with clear objectives and power to protect and to monitor children's rights and to ensure also protection of youth rights.

I thank you!