

Statement by the Republic of Slovenia

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Barbados and thanks Barbados for the report, presentation and commitment to the UPR process.

We welcome Barbados' ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2013 as an important step for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

While noting the collaboration with some of HRC mandate holders we encourage government to extend a standing invitation to all special procedure mechanisms and respond positively to their requests for an official visit.

We wish to recommend to Barbados to:

- 1. Adopt measures with a view to eliminate corporal punishment in all settings, in particular in schools;
- Consider ratifying Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights, aimed at abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you.