

## Statement by the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

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

We welcome the announcement of the Government of Canada to create the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) as an independent officer who will be tasked with investigating allegations of human rights abuses linked to Canadian corporations operating abroad.

We are concerned about reports that First Nations children are denied access to essential welfare and other public services on equal terms as other children, and therefore needlessly removed from their families, communities and culture and placed in state care.

## We **recommend** to the Government of Canada:

- To ensure non-discriminatory and culturally appropriate First Nations Child and Family Services as well as other public services such as education, health, culture and language.
- To take all decisions concerning First Nations peoples in consultations with them.

Thank you.