



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr Vice-President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Colombia for their presentation today and for their dedication to the UPR process.

We wish to:

1. recommend to Colombia to reinforce measures to protect human rights defenders and to fight the impunity for attacks against human rights defenders;
2. repeat the recommendation from the 2nd UPR cycle and recommend to consider ratifying the OP CAT.

We noted in your national report that work has been carried out under the peace agreement to strengthen components of national human rights policy, with special emphasis on human rights and peace education and culture. We also welcome the fact that you will continue with work on promoting and strengthening the National Human Rights Education Plan.

While welcoming progress in basic schooling enrolment and falling dropout rates, concerns remain regarding significant differences in education coverage that mostly affect the most vulnerable society groups, namely indigenous populations, Afro-Colombians and displaced and rural children.

Slovenia remains concerned regarding the scale of killings of human rights defenders in Colombia. This trend is especially affecting rural areas, where victims of the killings are often community, rural and indigenous leaders and trade unionists.

Thank you.