



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes delegation of Malaysia and thanks them for presentation of their report.

We would like to **recommend** Malaysia:

1. Ensure that the legal age for marriage is set at 18 years of age with no exceptions, as established under international human rights standards.
2. Update the current Reproductive Health and Social Education syllabus, to include inter alia education on healthy and respectful family life and interpersonal relationships, human rights, violence and gender-based violence, consent and bodily integrity, in line with UN technical guidelines on education.

We commend the new government's ambitious agenda to improve Malaysia's human rights record.

We are concerned that child marriages continue to be permitted. We have however noted the government's efforts to deal with this issue.

We welcome efforts for strengthening legal provisions to effectively protect women who are victims of domestic violence. Yet, we are concerned that marital rape is still not criminalized and that domestic violence is not a separate offense under the penal code.

Thank you, Mr. President.