

Statement by

the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for their presentation today.

Slovenia would like to recommend to Bosnia and Herzegovina to:

- 1. Take effective measures to secure children's rights on the basis of the CRC and its Optional Protocols for all children in BiH.
- 2. Adopt amendments to all laws on the governments in BiH to guarantee the minimal representation of women in executive governments and ministerial positions at 40% gender quota in accordance with the Law on Gender Equality.

We applaud Bosnia and Herzegovina for the ratification of the third Optional Protocol to the CRC. We are concerned that registration at birth and citizenship of some children in BiH remains overly complex and that corporal punishment of children is not explicitly prohibited in all settings.

We welcome the adoption of an annual plan for the implementation of the Gender Action Plan which may be helpful in ensuring equal opportunities for women and men in the labour market, narrowing and closing the gender pay gap as well as sanctioning all forms of gender based violence and discrimination.