

Statement by

the Republic of Slovenia

at the

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Madam President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Kuwait for their engagement with the UPR.

We would like to recommend to consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Slovenia is concerned that the State still remains a destination for human trafficking for purpose of forced labour and sexual exploitation. While taking some steps to combat the phenomenon, the number of sentences sanctioning perpetrators is concernedly low.

We welcome enacting the Private Sector Employment Act No. 6 of 2010, which safeguards the rights of working women and among other anticipates equal pay for equal work. Taken numerous steps to improve protection of women's rights, we encourage Kuwait to continue to do so and adopt a general law on equality and non-discrimination.

Thank you.