



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
at the  
**38<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council**  
**Interactive dialogue with Working Group on the issue of discrimination against  
women in law and in practice**

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns with the EU statement and would like to make additional remarks in national capacity.

At the beginning let me reiterate Slovenia's strong support for the promotion and protection of human rights of women and girls and our firm opposition to all forms of discrimination and violence against them. It is unacceptable that women still face multiple and often intersecting forms of discrimination.

Since its creation, Slovenia has been a vocal supporter of the mandate of the Working Group. We welcome the latest report of the Working Group, which takes stock of the first six years of its mandate. We share the concerns of the Working Group on the negative trends in promotion and protection of women's human rights and on backlash on already achieved progress. However, it is encouraging to note that positive steps around the globe remain. We thank the members of the Working Group for their hard work and we encourage them to continue their noble efforts.

Mr President,

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls has been and will remain high on our political agenda, domestically and internationally. I'm glad to report that Slovenia is already following most of the recent recommendations of the Working group. Our guidance to eradicate discrimination on the basis of sex lies in our Constitution and following legislation. We remain fully committed to this end.

Given the channelled expertise and excellent work in fulfilling its mandate, we would welcome the views of the Working Group on best ways to secure invariability and sustainability of political will and commitments, and broader national activities for gender equality and the fight against all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

Thank you!