



**Intervention of Slovenia
Review of Zimbabwe
26th Session of UPR Working Group
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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Zimbabwe and appreciate its presentation of the National Report, as well as its commitment to the UPR process.

We would like to offer the following recommendations:

- We recommend ratifying the core international human rights instruments including the CAT, OP CAT, CRPD, all Optional Protocols to the CRC, the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children and first Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, and incorporate them into their national legislation!
- We recommend establishing an official moratorium on executions and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights with a view of abolishing the death penalty!
- Furthermore, we recommend **ensuring a free and compulsory primary education** by implementing the Education Act!
- We also recommend **providing access to free quality health services for all children, to abolish corporal punishment in all settings and to strengthen child protection systems in full compliance with international human rights obligations including the implementation of national child protection programmes by December 2018;**

We would like to commend the Government of Zimbabwe for the efforts that have been made, at both policy level and in practice, since the last review.

However, a number of important issues continue to present a particular challenge among them are the child rights, access to SRHR information and services for adolescents and youth, access to abortion. We are also concerned about reports of torture.