



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia wishes to thank the delegation of Eritrea for the national report, its presentation today and the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to make to the Government of Eritrea the following **recommendations**:

1. Allow all human rights defenders and civil society organizations to exercise their right to freedom of expression, opinion and association without threat or harassment.
2. Establish a child-friendly juvenile justice system in full conformity with the relevant standards, promote alternative measures to detention of children and, where detention is unavoidable, ensure that detention of children is a measure of last resort and for the shortest possible time.

We are very concerned by the reports on the overall human rights situation in the country. In particular by the reports on the prevalence of torture, deplorable conditions in detention centres, human rights violations related to national service, and limitations and restrictions placed on human rights defenders and civil society organisations.

We call on Eritrea, as a new Human Rights Council member, to uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to cooperate with all human rights mechanisms, including HRC special procedures and treaty bodies.

Thank you!