



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Bhutan for their presentation today.

We would like to recommend to Bhutan:

- To adopt concrete measures aimed at preventing child trafficking, including by addressing root causes for children's vulnerability in this regard.

Slovenia commends the Government's efforts and achievements in advancing human rights protection in Bhutan since its last UPR. We particularly welcome the recent inclusion of Gender Equality and Women and Girls Empowerment among the National Key Result Areas of the 12th Five-Year Plan as well as the endorsement of gender responsive planning and budgeting.

We further commend the Government for increasing maternity leave with full pay to six months and would like to encourage Bhutan to consider also further increasing paternity leave.

In following up on our previous recommendations we noted the Government's activities to prevent child marriage including by sensitizing urban and rural public to the issue. We encourage Bhutan to continue these efforts.

Thank you.