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Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the fourth cycle review of Slovenia by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group at its 48th session in January 2025. As the final outcome report on the review of Slovenia was recently adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 59th session, I have taken note of the efforts of your Government to implement specific recommendations since the previous review.

A matrix of thematically clustered recommendations, starting with those supported by your Government, is available at OHCHR's website (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/si-index>) and should be considered as part of this letter. The matrix indicates the recommending State and links each recommendation to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In annex, I have also attached my Office's observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the UPR. In line with previous practice, I will be sending similar observations to all Member States once their fourth cycle UPR outcome is adopted by the Human Rights Council, with a view to follow-up action in close cooperation with national entities and other stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the support available through the Voluntary Fund for UPR Implementation, which may be activated at the request and with the consent of a concerned State, along with tools such as the "UPR practical guidance" and the "UN good practices" repository on how the UPR process supports sustainable development, available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/upr-main>, with a view to facilitating efforts to implement UPR recommendations in line with the SDGs.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Her Excellency
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Observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review

Slovenia's ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and its accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness are welcome. The accreditation with A status of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions represents a significant step forward.

Positive note is also taken of the fact that Slovenia maintains one of the lowest rates of unimplemented judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. It is to be commended that Slovenia ranks among the countries with the lowest child poverty rates in the European Union.

Taking into account concerns raised during the review, Slovenia is encouraged to intensify measures to combat all forms of discrimination, with particular emphasis on combating hate speech and racist and xenophobic rhetoric against minorities, including through the National Programme of Crime Prevention and Suppression 2024–2028, which established addressing hate speech as a key priority. Slovenia is also invited to take effective measures to safeguard the independence and freedom of the press, and to strengthen the protection of journalists and other media professionals, particularly in response to threats and instances of sexual abuse targeting female journalists, both online and offline.

As raised during the UPR process, Slovenia is encouraged to continue taking concrete and targeted actions to reduce poverty and inequalities within society, including by improving access to health services and mainstreaming education to promote inclusivity, ensuring inclusion and equitable access to basic services for persons with disabilities, and protecting the rights of minorities and ensuring their social inclusion, with particular attention to the situation of Roma communities. Slovenia is also urged to continue strengthening its support for refugees and migrants, ensuring that they have access to adequate protection, social integration programmes and other essential services, such as healthcare, education and employment.

Slovenia is encouraged to develop an implementation plan in follow up to the UPR outcome, in close consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders, in particular the parliament, the judiciary, the Human Rights Ombudsman, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations. The matrix of thematically clustered recommendations may be of use in the development of such an implementation plan. The Government is encouraged to explicitly link each UPR recommendation to corresponding recommendations from other international and regional human rights mechanisms and to the relevant SDG and its targets. This will, in turn, facilitate the creation of synergies between UPR implementation and SDG-related actions and reporting within the context of the Voluntary National Review (VNR). Due note has been taken of the announcement made by the delegation of Slovenia during the review that follow-up to the



recommendations will be ensured in full coordination with all ministries and governmental institutions, and in dialogue with the Human Rights Ombudsman, the Advocate of the Principle of Equality, and human rights non-governmental organizations. As mentioned by the delegation during the review, the Interministerial Commission for Human Rights placed the review of implementation of UPR recommendations on its agenda as a standing item.

The Government is further encouraged to further strengthen the Interministerial Commission on Human Rights, with the aim of ensuring a coordinated and effective approach to reporting to international human rights mechanisms, and to implementing the recommendations, in line with the guidance provided by OHCHR following regional consultations and the High Commissioner's report to the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/50/64](#)).

Further, an important measure that could positively contribute to follow-up action is voluntary mid-term UPR reporting. All Member States are encouraged to submit a voluntary mid-term UPR report about two years after the adoption of the UPR outcome. In this regard, due note is taken of the announcement made by the delegation of Slovenia during the adoption of the UPR outcome by the Human Rights Council that a mid-term report on accepted UPR recommendations will be submitted, preferably by 2027, detailing both implementation efforts as well as challenges to implementation, including the possible need for technical or capacity-building assistance.

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