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UPR of DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Dominican Republic to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

Slovenia attaches importance to combating violence against women; therefore we welcome a number of concrete measures undertaken by the Government in this respect.

We regret the difficult situation of the Haitian migrants as well as of the Dominicans of Haitian descent. We note that Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) as well as Human Rights Committee expressed concern about racial prejudices. Racial prejudices can have negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights in all spheres of life.

We note with concern the ruling of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic from September 2013 which retroactively deprives the Dominicans of Haitian descent of their citizenship.

We would like to make the following **recommendations** to the Government of the Dominican Republic:

1. to ensure sufficient funds to effectively lower the pregnancies in adolescents, also by launching awareness-raising activities;
2. to introduce awareness-raising activities with the aim of eliminating conditions and attitudes perpetuating discrimination against Haitian migrants as well as the Dominicans of Haitian descent;
3. to undertake all necessary measures to immediately recognize citizenship to those who had it at the time of their birth.

Thank you.