



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Bolivia for their presentation today and for their dedication to the UPR process.

We wish to **recommend** to Bolivia:

- to decriminalize abortion in all circumstances and ensure that sexual and reproductive health services are available and accessible to all.

Slovenia attaches great importance to human rights education. We welcome the incorporation of human rights education and the comprehensive sexuality education into the national curriculum.

While we took note of the Constitutional Court ruling abolishing the requirement of judicial authorization for access to abortion in cases of rape or incest, we further encourage to decriminalize abortion in all circumstances and eliminate all administrative and practical barriers to safe and legal abortion.

With regard to the rights of the child, we welcome the fact that the Legislative Assembly had increased the minimum working age from 10 to 14 years. We further encourage Bolivia to continue efforts to further reduce and eradicate the child labour.

Thank you!

Advanced questions:

- While we took note of a number of steps and measures in the area of combating violence against women, the violence is still present in the rural areas. We would be interested to learn about your measures to eliminate violence against women in rural areas?
- We took note in your national report that the national strategy to prevent gender-based violence was completed. Could you elaborate more on the elements of that strategy?