



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 20th SESSION Slovenia

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel welcomes the Slovenian delegation to its second UPR, and thanks them for the very comprehensive report presented before us today.

We welcome the various policy measures Slovenia has adopted on matters of social protection, children and youth and human trafficking. We would however recommend Slovenia (1) to implement the 2006-2016 Program for Children and Youth, and (2) to repeal provisions of the Marriage and Family Relations Act that are not compliant with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Israel is concerned that many of Slovenia's citizens and migrants still fall victim to discrimination despite the fact that several institutions have been tasked to ensure non-discrimination. We recommend Slovenia (3) addresses discrimination by public and private actors as a matter of priority, and (4) broadens the mandate and powers of the institutions tasked with guaranteeing the principle of equality and non-discrimination.

We note that recommendations accepted by Slovenia during its first UPR, on the subject discrimination against Roma, remain largely unimplemented. We recommend Slovenia (5) implements these recommendations. In addition, we recommend Slovenia, as well, (6) to implement recommendations by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right o Water and Sanitation regarding access to water for Roma.

Thank you.