

**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Slovakia  
At the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR WG of the HRC  
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**Mr. President,**

1. First of all, on behalf of the Cambodia delegation, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of Slovakia, led by Mr. Peter Javorčík, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic to the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and also thank the delegation for the presentation of its National Report.
2. Cambodia appreciates the continued efforts and commitments made by the Government of Slovakia in the protection and promotion of human rights after the review of the first UPR cycle in 2009. We commend Slovakia for launching several initiatives in the area of combating violence against women, including the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, and the adoption of the National Action Plan for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women.
3. We note with appreciation the revision in 2011 of the National Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion for 2011-2015 and the adoption of the Strategy for the Integration of Roma up to 2020 as well as the establishment of the Government Plenipotentiary for National Minorities with a view to further institutional strengthening of the protection of human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities.
4. We welcome Slovakia's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol as well as the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights.
5. While appreciating the above mentioned progress, Cambodia would like to recommend that Slovakia continue its effort in effectively implementing the amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act with a view to further combating discrimination in the country.

Thank you, Mr. President!