

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Slovenia

Statement by Australia

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Thank you, Madam Vice President.

Australia recognises Slovenia's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. We thank Slovenia for its contribution to the United Nations Human Rights Council and congratulate Slovenia on its successful Presidency of the Council in 2018.

We acknowledge that Slovenia has made positive progress since its second cycle review to improve its human rights bodies, its judicial system and the situation for 'erased' persons. We encourage Slovenia to continue its efforts on these issues.

Australia recommends that **Slovenia**:

1. Improves the living standards of its Roma population, including by providing better access to basic utilities and services and improving education outcomes for Roma students at all levels.
2. Strengthens measures to prevent trafficking for the purposes of sex and forced labour, including measures to identify and support victims and those at risk of trafficking, and dedicate resources to investigate, prosecute and punish perpetrators.
3. Improves access to affordable and good quality care for older persons and people with a mental or physical disability.
4. Continues already commendable efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment, including through greater participation by women in political life at the local and national level.