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#### **Slovenia**

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## I. Background and framework

### A. Scope of international obligations<sup>1</sup>

#### 1. International human rights treaties<sup>2</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1992)		ICRMW
	ICESCR (1992)		CPED (signature 2007)
	ICCPR (1992)		
	ICCPR-OP 2 (1994)		
	CEDAW (1992)		
	CAT (1993)		
	OP-CAT (2007)		
	CRC (1992)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2004)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2004)		
<i>Reservations and/or declarations</i>	CRPD (2008)		
	ICCPR-OP 1 (Declaration, art. 1/Reservation, art. 5 (2)(a), 1993)		
	OP-CAT (Declaration, art. 17, 2007)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i>	OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), age of recruitment at 18 years, 2004)		
	ICERD, art. 14 (2001)	OP-CRC-IC (signature, 2012)	OP-ICESCR (signature, 2009)
	OP-ICESCR (signature, 2009)		OP-CRC-IC (signature, 2012)
	ICCPR, art. 41 (1992)		ICRMW
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1993)		CPED (signature, 2007)
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2004)		
	CAT, arts. 20, 21 and 22 (1993)		
	OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2008)		
CPED (signature, 2007)			

## 2. Other main relevant international instruments

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	Palermo Protocol <sup>4</sup> Conventions on refugees and stateless persons except the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness <sup>5</sup> Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols I and II <sup>6</sup> ILO fundamental conventions <sup>7</sup> UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide		ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189 <sup>8</sup>

1. In 2010, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) encouraged Slovenia to ratify ICRMW.<sup>9</sup> In 2011, the Committee against Torture (CAT) invited the country to also ratify CPED and OP-ICESCR.<sup>10</sup> In 2013, the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) recommended also the ratification of OP-CRC-IC.<sup>11</sup>

2. CRC recommended the ratification of ILO Convention No. 189 (2011) concerning decent work for domestic workers<sup>12</sup> and the accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.<sup>13</sup>

3. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) stated that Slovenia did not report on the measures taken for the implementation of a number of UNESCO Conventions.<sup>14</sup>

## B. Constitutional and legislative framework

4. CRC noted the adoption of various legislative measures, including the Act Amending the Provision of Foster Care in 2012.<sup>15</sup> CRC however, regretted the continued absence of a consolidated child law that incorporated all the provisions of the Convention into the State's national legislation<sup>16</sup> and recommended the introduction of a comprehensive law on children.<sup>17</sup>

## C. Institutional and human rights infrastructure and policy measures

### Status of national human rights institutions<sup>18</sup>

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle<sup>19</sup></i>
Republic of Slovenia Human Rights Ombudsman	B (2000)	B (2010)

5. CRC recommended that Slovenia bring the Ombudsman's Office into compliance with the Paris Principles.<sup>20</sup> CAT urged Slovenia to provide this Office with adequate resources<sup>21</sup> and to broaden its mandate to carry out investigations into allegations of torture and ill-treatment.<sup>22</sup>

6. CRC welcomed the creation of a Child Observatory.<sup>23</sup> It recommended that Slovenia strengthen the mandate of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities to enable it to effectively coordinate the implementation of the Convention.<sup>24</sup>

7. In 2011, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) noted the establishment, in 2010, of an inter-ministerial working group to prepare a comprehensive institutional arrangement for ensuring equality and protection from discrimination.<sup>25</sup>

8. CERD welcomed the National Programme of Measures for Roma People (2010–2015) aimed at combating discrimination against Roma in education, housing, health care, employment and living conditions.<sup>26</sup>

9. CRC welcomed a number of policy measures on social protection, children and youth, family violence protection, trafficking in human beings and Roma.<sup>27</sup> It recommended the implementation of the 2006-2016 Programme for Children and Youth.<sup>28</sup> CRC urged Slovenia to repeal provisions of the Marriage and Family Relations Act that were not compliant with the Convention.<sup>29</sup>

## II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

### A. Cooperation with treaty bodies<sup>30</sup>

#### 1. Reporting status

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Concluding observations included in previous review</i>	<i>Latest report submitted since previous review</i>	<i>Latest concluding observations</i>	<i>Reporting status</i>
CERD	March 2003	2008/2014	August 2010	Eighth to eleventh reports pending consideration
CESCR	November 2005	2011	–	Second report pending consideration in November 2014
HR Committee	July 2005	–	–	Third report overdue since 2010
CEDAW	October 2008	2014	–	Fifth and sixth reports pending consideration
CAT	May 2003	2009	May 2011	Fourth report due in 2015
CRC	January 2004 (CRC)/June 2009 (OP-CRC-AC and OP-CRC-SC)	2010	June 2013	Fifth and sixth reports due in 2018
CRPD	–	–	–	Initial report overdue since 2010

## 2. Responses to specific follow-up requests by treaty bodies

### *Concluding observations*

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
CERD	2011	Discrimination against Roma; and legal status of the “erased” people <sup>31</sup>	2013 <sup>32</sup> Further information requested <sup>33</sup>
HR Committee		Trafficking in women and children; and discrimination against Roma <sup>34</sup>	–
CEDAW	2010	National machinery for the advancement of women; and women political participation <sup>35</sup>	2010 <sup>36</sup> Dialogue ongoing <sup>37</sup>
CAT	2012	Computerized system for registration of detainees; investigation of torture; asylum and <i>non-refoulement</i> ; and Roma minority <sup>38</sup>	2012 <sup>39</sup>

## B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>40</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitation</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	–	Water and sanitation (2010)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	–	–
<i>Visits requested</i>	–	–
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals</i>	In the period under review no communications were sent.	

## C. Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

10. Slovenia contributed financially to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights between 2009 and 2013, including to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture in 2009.<sup>41</sup>

## III. Implementation of international human rights obligations, taking into account applicable international humanitarian law

### A. Equality and non-discrimination

11. CERD was concerned that very few acts of racial discrimination had been prosecuted and requested to Slovenia that appropriate provisions be made available in national legislation.<sup>42</sup> CAT recommended that Slovenia take measures aimed at preventing ethnically motivated crimes.<sup>43</sup>

12. CERD remained concerned about marginalization and discrimination of Roma, and urged Slovenia to combat discrimination against them and implement special measures in education, housing, health and employment.<sup>44</sup> CRC remained seriously concerned about persistent discrimination against Roma children.<sup>45</sup> CRC recommended that Slovenia investigate and prosecute any discriminatory act directed at Roma children.<sup>46</sup>

13. In 2011, the independent expert on water and sanitation recommended that Slovenia eliminate all forms of discrimination which deprived certain segments of the population of access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and ensure that any instances of discrimination be fully investigated and prosecuted, and that redress be provided to the victims.<sup>47</sup>

14. CRC was seriously concerned that the rights of former permanent residents of Slovenia originating from former Yugoslavian republics (the so-called “erased”), whose legal status was unlawfully revoked in 1992, had not been guaranteed.<sup>48</sup> CAT was concerned about persistent discrimination against the “erased” persons and encouraged Slovenia to facilitate their full integration.<sup>49</sup> CERD remained concerned about difficulties they were facing in securing access to social and economic rights,<sup>50</sup> and recommended that Slovenia ensure the full enjoyment of the economic and social rights of “erased” people, including health, social security, education and employment.<sup>51</sup>

15. Concerning the “erased”, CRC noted with appreciation the Act Regulating the Legal Status of Citizens of Former Yugoslavia Living in the Republic of Slovenia in 2010 (8 March 2010) (Legal Status Act).<sup>52</sup>

16. In 2013, CAT remained concerned that Slovenia had failed to enforce the Legal Status Act.<sup>53</sup> CRC was particularly concerned that a large number of persons were excluded from this Act, and that applications of “erased” people were rejected.<sup>54</sup>

17. CRC recommended that Slovenia simplify the proceedings for obtaining permanent residence permits by “erased” people.<sup>55</sup> CAT recommended the restoration of the permanent resident status of these persons, and encouraged Slovenia to guarantee fair procedures in applying for citizenship.<sup>56</sup> CERD recommended that Slovenia grant full reparation to all individuals affected by the “erasure”.<sup>57</sup>

18. In 2013, as part of the reply to CERD recommendations issued in 2010, Slovenia stated, *inter alia*, that in 2010 the Government had set up a Working Group on Comprehensive Resolving of the Issue of the Erased, with a view to elaborating measures for the reintegration of such persons into society.<sup>58</sup>

19. CRC was concerned that children of same-sex couples faced discrimination in school based on their family’s sexual orientation. It urged Slovenia to regularize the status of such children.<sup>59</sup>

## **B. Right to life, liberty and security of the person**

20. CAT urged Slovenia to ensure prompt, impartial and effective investigation into all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, and to prosecute perpetrators of such acts,<sup>60</sup> and recommended measures concerning the audio and video recording of all interrogations of detainees as means to prevent torture and ill-treatment.<sup>61</sup> It also urged the country to provide redress and compensation for victims,<sup>62</sup> and to abolish the statute of limitations for the crime of torture.<sup>63</sup>

21. In 2012, in a follow-up to CAT concluding observations, Slovenia reported, *inter alia*, that the powers of the Department for Investigation and Prosecution of Official Persons with Special Authorizations had been expanded and that it was competent to investigate and prosecute abuses of all kinds of official persons with official authorization.<sup>64</sup>

22. While welcoming measures aimed at improving detention conditions, CAT remained concerned about overcrowding in a number of prisons. It urged Slovenia to bring detention conditions into line with international standards.<sup>65</sup>

23. CAT recommended close monitoring by the judicial organs of any placements in psychiatric institutions, regular visits by independent monitoring bodies and guaranteeing the implementation of safeguards.<sup>66</sup>

24. CAT remained concerned about violence against women and girls and recommended, *inter alia*, that Slovenia prevent and prosecute all forms of violence against women and children, including domestic violence, and implement the National Programme of Family Violence Prevention (2009–2014).<sup>67</sup>

25. CRC expressed concern about the narrow definition of violence provided within the Domestic Violence Prevention Act,<sup>68</sup> and the limited definition of violence against children in national legislation.<sup>69</sup> It recommended (a) a comprehensive definition of violence to include all forms of violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse of children;<sup>70</sup> (b) a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against children;<sup>71</sup> and (c) the establishment of an investigation and prosecution mechanism.<sup>72</sup> It urged Slovenia to ban all forms of abuse and neglect of children in all settings, ensure follow-up to cases of abuse or neglect and establish community protection mechanisms.<sup>73</sup> CRC noted with concern that Roma girls were often subject to sexual violence and exploitation by family members.<sup>74</sup>

26. CRC was concerned that corporal punishment in educational day-care centres, residential school institutions and penal institutions was not explicitly prohibited.<sup>75</sup> CRC recommended that Slovenia explicitly prohibit in national legislation corporal punishment in all settings, including at home, and amend the Criminal Code as well as the Foster Care Act.<sup>76</sup> It recommended that Slovenia strengthen its efforts to address corporal punishment by, *inter alia*, launching awareness-raising campaigns.

27. CAT welcomed the designation of human trafficking as a crime but remained concerned about trafficking of women for prostitution in Slovenia.<sup>77</sup> CRC was also concerned that Slovenia remained a country of origin, destination and transit for trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.<sup>78</sup> CAT urged Slovenia to combat trafficking in persons, especially in women and children, by prosecuting perpetrators and ensuring redress, including compensation and rehabilitation, for victims.<sup>79</sup> CRC welcomed the Action Plan of the Intergovernmental Working Group for Countering Trafficking in Human Beings (2012–2013)<sup>80</sup> and recommended that this Working Group be empowered.<sup>81</sup>

28. CRC was concerned about increasing incidents of the sale of Roma girls. It recommended targeted measures to prevent the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.<sup>82</sup>

29. CRC recommended that Slovenia take measures to prevent forced labour of children and establish mechanisms to investigate and prosecute child forced labour.<sup>83</sup> CRC also recommended the full harmonization of Slovenian national legislation with OP-CRC-SC, particularly by explicitly prohibiting the sale of children and forced adoptions.<sup>84</sup>

30. CRC recommended that Slovenia (a) put an end to forced and underage marriages of Roma children;<sup>85</sup> (b) investigate such cases with a view to bringing perpetrators to justice; (c) increase awareness-raising within the Roma population on the harmful impact of early marriage on children; (d) provide victims with rehabilitation and counselling services;<sup>86</sup> and (e) protect children who are victims of forced marriage.<sup>87</sup>

### **C. Administration of justice and the rule of law**

31. Concerned about the high proportion of remand prisoners awaiting trial, CAT recommended that Slovenia reduce the backlog of court cases, including by taking non-custodial measures.<sup>88</sup>

32. CRC also expressed concern about the lack of special provisions for children in its Criminal Code and urged Slovenia to bring its juvenile justice system fully into line with relevant standards. It recommended that deprivation of liberty of children be a measure of last resort.<sup>89</sup>

### **D. Freedom of expression, right to participate in public and political life**

33. UNESCO recommended that Slovenia decriminalize defamation in the Penal Code and place it within the civil code,<sup>90</sup> and that the insult provisions and their penalties be reformed to be better aligned with international standards on freedom of expression.<sup>91</sup>

34. CERD recommended that Slovenia protect minorities in their political rights without discrimination, and ensure representation of all minorities in Parliament and in regional elected bodies.<sup>92</sup>

35. CEDAW expressed regret that Slovenia had not taken steps to increase the number of women mayors in the country.<sup>93</sup>

### **E. Right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work**

36. The ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR) took note of the adoption of the Act implementing the principle of equal treatment explicitly applicable to cases of anti-union discrimination.<sup>94</sup> CEACR requested the Government to take the necessary measures to ensure that national legislation contain specific provisions prohibiting acts of interference by employers or their organizations in the establishment, functioning and administration of workers' organizations, and establishing effective and sufficiently dissuasive sanctions against such acts.<sup>95</sup>

37. CEACR asserted that it had previously noted the need for systematic measures aimed at the integration of migrant workers and their families in society.<sup>96</sup> CEACR also stated that it had previously noted concerns raised by the Association of Free Trade Unions regarding substandard housing conditions of migrant workers and the need to strengthen supervision in this regard, and to establish minimum standards of living for them.<sup>97</sup>

### **F. Right to social security and to an adequate standard of living**

38. The independent expert on water and sanitation recommended that Slovenia allocate more funds for research into the issue of poverty in Slovenia, as the current statistics possibly did not fully reflect the extent to which people were living in poverty in the country.<sup>98</sup>

39. CRC was highly concerned that the number of children living in poverty was increasing and that children of minority groups, particularly Roma, were poorer than children of the majority population. It recommended that Slovenia build a national system of social protection.<sup>99</sup>



40. The independent expert on safe drinking water and sanitation recommended that Slovenia explicitly recognize the rights to water and to sanitation in law, make them justiciable and amend relevant laws to reflect these human rights obligations.<sup>100</sup> She recommended that Slovenia (a) urgently address the situation of people, especially Roma communities, who did not have access to safe drinking water and sanitation; and (b) implement measures to ensure that their rights to water and sanitation were fully protected.<sup>101</sup>

41. CERD remained concerned about the de facto segregation and discrimination related to housing of the Roma minority. It recommended that Slovenia strengthen its measures aimed at improving the housing conditions of the Roma and refrain from placing Roma in isolated camps without access to health care and other basic facilities.<sup>102</sup>

## **G. Right to health**

42. CRC was concerned about the ethnic disparity in access to, and provision of, health services. It recommended that all children have similar access to basic health services and urged Slovenia to implement the "Strategy for enhancing health and action plan for reducing inequalities in health in the Pomurje region".<sup>103</sup>

43. Concerned that suicide was the second major cause of mortality among children aged 10-14 in Slovenia, CRC urged Slovenia to finalize the National Programme for Mental Health.<sup>104</sup>

## **H. Right to education**

44. CRC was concerned about the lack of holistic programmes for early childhood development as well as the introduction of new education fees. It recommended that Slovenia develop well-financed early childhood development programmes and refrain from introducing more education-related fees.<sup>105</sup>

45. UNESCO strongly encouraged Slovenia to pursue its positive efforts to integrate human rights education into the educational system and training programs, and intensify its efforts in ensuring the effectiveness of equal access to education.<sup>106</sup>

46. CRC remained concerned that Roma children enjoyed limited access to education.<sup>107</sup> Concerned about segregation of Roma children in schools, CERD recommended that Roma children enjoy equal opportunities in access to quality education at all levels.<sup>108</sup> CRC recommended, inter alia, that Slovenia raise the enrolment of Roma children in preschool educational institutions and integrate them in mainstream education.<sup>109</sup>

## **I. Persons with disabilities**

47. While noting with satisfaction the 2007–2013 Action Programme for Persons with Disabilities, CRC encouraged Slovenia to allocate resources for its effective implementation. It also recommended that Slovenia ensure that children with disabilities fully enjoy their rights.<sup>110</sup>

## **J. Minorities**

48. CERD was concerned about public manifestations of hate speech and intolerance by some politicians in the media towards minorities. It recommended that Slovenia combat

prejudices against ethnic minorities, and investigate and prosecute all acts of political discourse against minorities.<sup>111</sup>

49. CRC urged Slovenia to reduce disparities in the enjoyment of rights between children of minority groups, particularly Roma children, and children of the majority population.<sup>112</sup>

50. The independent expert on sanitation and drinking water noted laws that introduced a distinction between “autochthonous” and “non-autochthonous” Roma communities, and recommended eliminating this distinction in order to ensure the equality of rights of all Roma people.<sup>113</sup>

51. She also recommended that Slovenia provide security of tenure to all Roma communities by taking measures to regularize their settlements,<sup>114</sup> and ensure that the National Programme of Measures for Roma (2010–2015) be implemented in all municipalities.<sup>115</sup>

## **K. Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**

52. CAT urged Slovenia to ensure that the principle of *non-refoulement* be established and ensure procedural safeguards against *refoulement*.<sup>116</sup> In the framework of follow-up, Slovenia reported to CAT that the new Aliens Act enacted in 2011 included a *non-refoulement* principle.<sup>117</sup>

53. CRC expressed concern about Slovenia’s decision to decrease by 50 per cent the financial assistance provided to asylum seekers staying outside the Asylum Home, and recommended that it reconsider this decision.<sup>118</sup> It also recommended that Slovenia, *inter alia*, (a) refrain from regular conduct of age assessment tests and ensure that such procedures be taken only as a measure of last resort;<sup>119</sup> and (b) provide all unaccompanied minors with legal assistance.<sup>120</sup> CRC recommended that Slovenia provide all children seeking refuge, and who had fled from war zones, with social reintegration programmes.<sup>121</sup>

## Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, the status of ratifications of instruments listed in the table may be found on the official website of the United Nations Treaty Collection database, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, <http://treaties.un.org/>. Please also refer to the United Nations compilation on Slovenia from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/7/SVN/2).
- <sup>2</sup> The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:
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|------------|---|
| ICERD      | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination                             |
| ICESCR     | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  |
| OP-ICESCR  | Optional Protocol to ICESCR   |
| ICCPR      | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  |
| ICCPR-OP 1 | Optional Protocol to ICCPR  |
| ICCPR-OP 2 | Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty                               |
| CEDAW      | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women                                    |
| OP-CEDAW   | Optional Protocol to CEDAW  |
| CAT        | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment                      |
| OP-CAT     | Optional Protocol to CAT  |
| CRC        | Convention on the Rights of the Child   |
| OP-CRC-AC  | Optional Protocol to CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict                                     |
| OP-CRC-SC  | Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography                    |
| OP-CRC-IC  | Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure  |
| ICRMW      | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| CRPD       | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities   |
| OP-CRPD    | Optional Protocol to CRPD   |
| CPED       | International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance                        |
- <sup>3</sup> Individual complaints: ICCPR-OP 1, art. 1; OP-CEDAW, art. 1; OP-CRPD, art. 1; OP-ICESCR, art. 1; OP-CRC-IC, art. 5; ICERD, art. 14; CAT, art. 22; ICRMW, art. 77; and CPED, art. 31. Inquiry procedure: OP-CEDAW, art. 8; CAT, art. 20; CPED, art. 33; OP-CRPD, art. 6; OP-ICESCR, art. 11; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 13. Inter-State complaints: ICCPR, art. 41; ICRMW, art. 76; CPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: CPED, art. 30.
- <sup>4</sup> Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- <sup>5</sup> 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, and the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.
- <sup>6</sup> Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Convention); Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea (Second Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (Third Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Convention); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at [www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/home/topics/intla/intrea/chdep/warvic.html](http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/home/topics/intla/intrea/chdep/warvic.html).
- <sup>7</sup> International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Convention No. 105 concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour; Convention No. 87 concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise; Convention No. 98 concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively; Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value;

- Convention No. 111 concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation; Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.
- <sup>8</sup> International Labour Organization Convention No.169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries and Convention No.189 concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers.
- <sup>9</sup> CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7, para. 16. See also CAT/C/SVN/CO/3, para. 23; and CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 79.
- <sup>10</sup> CAT/C/SVN/CO/3, para. 23. See also CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 79.
- <sup>11</sup> Ibid., para. 79.
- <sup>12</sup> Ibid., para. 70(e).
- <sup>13</sup> Ibid., para. 67(d).
- <sup>14</sup> UNESCO, paras. 19-21.
- <sup>15</sup> CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, paras 3 and. 8.
- <sup>16</sup> Ibid., para. 8.
- <sup>17</sup> Ibid., para. 9.
- <sup>18</sup> According to article 5 of the rules of procedure of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) Sub-Committee on Accreditation, the classifications for accreditation used by the Sub-Committee are: A: Voting Member (fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles), B: Non-Voting Member (not fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles or insufficient information provided to make a determination), C: No Status (not in compliance with the Paris Principles).
- <sup>19</sup> For the list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC), see A/HRC/23/28, annex.
- <sup>20</sup> CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 19. See also CAT/C/SVN/CO/3, para. 11.
- <sup>21</sup> Ibid., para. 11. See also CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 19.
- <sup>22</sup> CAT/C/SVN/CO/3, para. 11.
- <sup>23</sup> CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 16.
- <sup>24</sup> Ibid., para. 13.
- <sup>25</sup> Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 8 February 2011, p. 2(b) available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/SVN/INT\\_CEDAW\\_FUL\\_SVN\\_11944\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/SVN/INT_CEDAW_FUL_SVN_11944_E.pdf). See also CEDAW/C/SVN/CO/4/Add.1, para. 12.
- <sup>26</sup> CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7, para. 5 (a) and 8; and CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7/Add.1, para. 6.
- <sup>27</sup> CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 5. See also CAT/C/SVN/CO/3, para. 6 (c); and CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7, para. 5 (d).
- <sup>28</sup> CRC/C/SVN/CO/3-4, para. 11.
- <sup>29</sup> Ibid., para. 9.
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| CAT          | Committee against Torture  |
| CRC          | Committee on the Rights of the Child   |
| CMW          | Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| CRPD         | Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities   |
| CED          | Committee on Enforced Disappearances   |
| SPT          | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture  |
- <sup>31</sup> CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7, para. 22.
- <sup>32</sup> CERD/C/SVN/CO/6-7/Add.1.
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