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**Item 6:  
Consideration of UPR reports**

**Slovenia**

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes the acceptance by Slovenia of many of the recommendations made to it. Many of them reflect concerns and recommendations of Amnesty International.

We welcome the adoption in March 2010 of the integrated national programme of measures for Romani people for the 2010–2015 period outlining government measures to combat discrimination against Roma in access to education, housing, health care, employment, living conditions and other areas. We call on the government to ensure that the programme is implemented within the established deadlines and in consultation with Roma communities.

We appreciate Slovenia's support of the recommendation to improve living conditions of Roma.<sup>1</sup> In implementing this recommendation we call on the authorities to address the inadequate housing conditions of many Roma, including lack of access to water, sanitation and electricity. It is also crucial that the authorities refrain from forcible evictions of Roma communities.

Mr President,

The situation of the "erased" was raised by many States during the review and we welcome Slovenia's acceptance of the majority of the related recommendations.<sup>2</sup> The adoption in March 2010 of the law regulating the legal status of the "erased" is a positive development; however, Amnesty International

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/14/15, paragraph 111, recommendation 73.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, paragraph 111, recommendations 77-88 and A/HRC/14/15/Add.1, page 7.

is concerned at attempts to organize a referendum on the new law which, if successful, could overturn it. This, we fear, could lead to further discrimination against the "erased".

We also regret that, other than restoring their status, the authorities have failed to adopt legislative and other measures to grant full reparation to the "erased". We call on Slovenia to develop a reparation programme for the "erased" which should include restitution, satisfaction, compensation, rehabilitation and guarantees of non-repetition, as defined by international law.

Thank you Mr President.