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Mr Moderator,

Slovenia welcomes this opportunity to exchange views and share information on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights with this year's central theme "Realizing Access to Effective Remedy".

In order to raise awareness and promote the UN Guiding Principles, Slovenia organized in 2013 a national multi-stakeholder Forum on Business and Human Rights. At this occasion, it was reaffirmed that respect for human rights in business enterprises is not only a human rights issue, but can also be in interest of business companies – as all of the leading dozen Slovenian enterprises have respect for human rights included in their corporate policies.

Slovenian National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights is in the final phase of preparation and should be adopted by the government in December or in January. By the preparation of the draft participated ministries, companies, the Slovene chamber of commerce and industry, trade unions, NGO's and representatives of universities.

After adoption the NAP will be promoted by all stakeholders. At the end of January 2018 we plan a promotion event with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia.

Concerning **access to remedy**, in Slovenia the victims of human rights violations can address to general and special courts and to state based non-judicial mechanisms such as Human Rights Ombudsman, advocate of the principle of equality and OECD national contact point for multinational companies.

There are still examined possibilities for the establishment of other remedy mechanisms for violations of human rights in private companies at the Slovene chamber of commerce and industry. Another possibility for addressing human rights violations in companies would be establishment of complaint officers in companies.

Thank you.