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Promotion of human rights education, has been a consistent policy of the Slovenian Government for many years, domestically and internationally.

Slovenia views human rights education as an essential element for efficient protection of human rights being a lifelong process. The preventive role of good knowledge on human rights by all can not be emphasized enough.

To address education of children on the rights of the child, Slovenia devised a project "Our rights" during Slovenian OSCE Chairmanship in 2005, whereby a new teaching tool was designed and used throughout the OSCE region to improve respect for and understanding of the rights of the child as contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Slovenia is a member of the Platform for Human Rights Education and Training created in September 2007 (from all geographic groups of the United Nations: namely, Costa Rica, Italy, Morocco, the Philippines, Senegal, Slovenia, and Switzerland.)

Human rights education should remain high on the agenda of international organizations as synergy of action is needed. It is important to enable the young to learn about human rights. It can prevent human rights violations by promoting a culture of non-discrimination, non-violence and tolerance anchored in respect for universal human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We consider that the issue of human rights education has to be raised not only through particular resolutions, projects, declarations but also through addressing the issue within available mechanisms in the United Nations, such as the Universal Periodic Review, statements of the Coordination Committee on human rights situations, and bilaterally etc.

We will continue to pursue human rights education through our candidature for the UN Human Rights Council period 2016-2018.