**Response of the Slovak Republic to the Questionnaire of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity**

Further to the request of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the submission of information relating to technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity, we are pleased to forward you information concerned.

The above mentioned area is stipulated in the national legislation, as follows:

● Act No 576/2004 Coll. on health care and health care-related services, and amending and supplementing certain acts, guarantees the right to choose health care provider, the right to receive necessary health care and the right to health care and services, including cross-border health care, to everyone in accordance with the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination,

● Act No 578/2004 Coll. on health care providers, health professionals and professional organisations in the healthcare, and amending and supplementing certain acts, stipulates the performance requirements of health professionals and health care providers as well as their obligations,

● Act No 577/2004 Coll. on the scope of health care covered by public health insurance and on the reimbursement of health care-related services, as amended by later regulations, stipulates the scope of health care services covered from the resources of public health insurance,

Besides, the legislation of the Slovak Republic also stipulates the decision-making within the provision of health care and services relating to area concerned. If an individual as the beneficiary of the health care assumes that the provided healthcare has not been adequate, he has a right to request a redress. Within 30 days after receiving the application, the provider of health care is obliged to inform the applicant in writing form about the corrective measures.