



Statement by
H.E. Mr Vojislav Šuc, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia
at the
**HRC Special session on the human rights situation of the Rohingya Muslim
population and other minorities in Rakhine State of Myanmar**

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement and statement on behalf of the GoF on the RtoP.

Slovenia welcomes the Special Session on the human rights situation in Rakhine state, Myanmar. We are deeply concerned about the reports on deteriorating humanitarian and human rights situation on the ground.

The situation has caused thousands of casualties and massive displacement of Rohingya population. Slovenian Government responded to the UNCHR humanitarian appeal with a financial contribution to help the Rohingya refugees and other displaced population in Bangladesh.

We call on all sides to bring an immediate end to all violence in northern Rakhine state and urge Myanmar to end all military operations following the 25th August attack. Furthermore we call on Myanmar to allow full and unrestricted humanitarian access to Rakhine State. The Government should ensure conditions for safe, dignified, sustainable and voluntary return of displaced Rohingya population to their homes, in full compliance with the international human rights and refugee law. In this regard we take note of the recently signed agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh on repatriations.

Slovenia supports Myanmar's efforts towards democratic political transition, national reconciliation, socio-economic development and interreligious coexistence as a precondition for any durable solution to the current crisis. We call upon the

Government of Myanmar to implement without delay the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine state, including the crucial issue of citizenship rights for the stateless Rohingya population.

We consider important for Myanmar to fully cooperate with the UN mechanisms. We therefore call upon the government of Myanmar to allow this Council's independent international fact-finding mission and other mechanisms unfettered access to the northern Rakhine state and other affected areas.

At the end allow me to reiterate that it is the primary responsibility of the government of Myanmar to fulfill its obligations under international human rights law and protect all civilians, without discrimination, from human rights violations and abuses. All credible allegations of human rights violations and abuses must be investigated and their perpetrators held accountable.

Thank you.