



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
at the
39th Session of the UN Human Rights Council
Item 2: General debate on the oral update
by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

Madam High Commissioner,

Let me start this intervention by our warm congratulations on your appointment as High Commissioner for Human Rights, and we look forward to work with you in the coming years.

You take up the leadership of this Office at the time of great challenges. From the way we all promote, protect and respect human rights, to the challenges the multilateral system is facing in general. The UN should take advantage of the vast amount of information and knowledge of your Office, and use it to the benefit of all. The UN and the Human Rights Council need your strong voice advocating for the protection and promotion of human rights and for the victims of grave human rights violations. Your commitment to human rights, your courage and determination and proven true UN leadership in the past, will be crucial to lead the Office in these difficult times.

Madam High Commissioner,

As you rightly pointed out in your presentation yesterday, one common agenda for human rights, sustainable development and peace is needed. As any other issue on UN agenda, human rights should be addressed horizontally. We can only progress towards that vision together with resolute use of multilateral institutions.

As we have stated already on many occasions in the past, Slovenia remains a strong supporter of the human rights framework that has been built in the multilateral system.

Therefore, let me use this opportunity to state Slovenia's unwavering support to your work and the work of your Office.

We wish you every success in your coming endeavors.

I thank you, Mr. President.