



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Item 4: Human rights situations that require the Council's attention
General debate

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Mr. President,

In addition to the statement delivered on behalf of the EU, and the comments on human rights situations by our Deputy Minister during the high level segment, Slovenia would like to make the following remarks:

We remain deeply concerned over the dire human rights and humanitarian situation in **Yemen**, particularly of children. Systematic and widespread human rights violations, including sexual violence, child recruitment, and violence against persons deprived of liberty, must be brought to an end. We urge the Government to cooperate with the Group of Eminent Experts and we call on all parties to implement the Stockholm agreement.

We condemn the continued systematic, widespread and gross violations and abuses of human rights in **Syria**. Slovenia emphasizes that any use of prohibited chemical weapons against civilians goes against their human rights. We call for the realization of immediate and unimpeded humanitarian assistance. Slovenia commends the Commission of Inquiry for its work and supports, inter alia, its request to the authorities to provide information on missing and detained persons.

We continue to raise concern about developments in **Ukraine**, especially on serious human rights violations and abuses linked to the conflict in eastern Ukraine as well as in view of the on-going grave human rights situation in the illegally annexed Crimea.

We are also concerned over the developments in **Venezuela**, particularly the worsening humanitarian crisis. We call for the release of political prisoners and the restoration of democracy through free and fair presidential elections. We also call upon the Government to

grant the OHCHR access to the country and to fully cooperate with the UN human rights mechanisms.

Reports over the situation of Rohingya population in **Myanmar** remain a continuous concern. Impunity for human rights violations and abuses must stop and all perpetrators should be held accountable. We call on Myanmar to cooperate with the Special Procedures mandate holders and call for quick operationalization of the independent mechanism established by this Council.

Thank you.