



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to align itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

Mr. High Commissioner,

As we have stated already on many occasions in the past, my country remains a strong supporter of the human rights framework that has been built in the last seven decades.

The Universal Declaration for Human Rights, together with other Human Rights documents, proved instrumental in improving lives of millions. Built on the ashes of the Second World War, these documents were written to protect, promote and fulfill rights of everyone.

Yet human memory remains weak and it is alarming to note that concern for others has been yet again, in some instances, replaced by concern for one self. Slovenia strongly believes in wider multilateral system – Mr. High Commissioner – as you mentioned yesterday, it is only when States all work for each other, for everyone, for all people, for the human rights of all people – can peace be attainable.

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

Slovenia especially cherishes your updates on the Human Rights situation around the globe. In this respect we would encourage member states to cooperate with your Office in improving their situation, including by inviting your office, and UN Human Rights Mechanisms, for visits.

Mr. High Commissioner,

Let me finish this intervention by thanking you for your personal commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights around the world in the recent 4 years. You have been serving this important post in times of great uncertainty and human rights challenges which was definitely not easy. We wish you every successful in your future endeavors.

I thank you, Mr. President.