

## **Slovenia's priorities for the 78th session of the UN General Assembly**

During the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, Slovenia will strive for:

- **Efficiency of the UN in the changed global environment;**
- **International peace and security**, with a focus on the preservation and strengthening of multilateral instruments related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control; gender mainstreaming in areas related to international peace and security; children in armed conflicts; continued active support for the UN's efforts for member states' contributions of personnel and funding for peace operations aimed at ensuring world peace and security; maintaining cybersecurity as a top priority for strengthening international peace and security;
- **Respect for and progressive development of international law**, including by upholding the rule of law at the national and international levels; implementing and promoting international humanitarian law, and combating impunity for the most serious violations of international law;
- **New technologies with a focus on the digital agenda and artificial intelligence**, in particular the respect for and establishment of a legal and ethical framework for the development and use of new technologies and the reduction of the digital divide and gender gap;
- **Human rights**, with a focus on gender equality, protection of vulnerable groups, non-discrimination and the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (R2HE);
- **Green recovery, sustainable development finance and climate change mitigation**, including by effectively combating climate change and environmental degradation, ensuring food security and sustainable water use and management, conserving biodiversity and stopping plastic pollution.

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Slovenia has traditionally advocated for strengthening effective, rules-based multilateralism with the UN at its core, founded on the indivisible connection and complementary interplay between peace and security, development, the environment, and human rights, while respecting international law and the goals and principles enshrined in the UN Charter. Slovenia will further strive to contribute to international peace and security as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council (2024-2025).

During the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, Slovenia, also as a member of ECOSOC for the 2023-2025 term, will have an opportunity to engage in-depth with the current developments administered by the UN, in particular those aimed at achieving sustainable development goals and the implementation of Our Common Agenda.

During the 78th UN General Assembly, Slovenia will continue to work on the implementation of the EU's priorities and the operationalisation of the guidelines set out in the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council on strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism, while cooperating and coordinating with EU Member States and other like-minded partners and allies.