



SLOVENIA FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL 2024–2025

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Slovenia's candidature for non-permanent membership
of the UN Security Council 2024–2025

Ours is a world of increasing complexity and challenges to international peace and security. With full commitment to shared responsibility and solidarity, Slovenia presents its candidature for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council 2024–2025.

1. Multilateralism matters

Slovenia firmly believes in effective multilateralism. Contemporary security challenges dictate the need for a strong, rules-based and inclusive multilateral system with the United Nations at its core. Dialogue, cooperation and mutual trust can help effectively address challenges that require collective action.

Slovenia reaffirms its commitment to a just and peaceful international order, shared values and international law. It is flexible and adaptable to fast changes in the international community. Located at the crossroads of Central Europe, the Mediterranean and the Western Balkans, a diverse cultural and linguistic junction, Slovenia has a tradition of building trust, nurturing stability and amity with and among countries in its neighbourhood and beyond. With active and engaged policies, it strives for effective cooperation and is willing to work closely with partners. It fosters common initiatives that can make a difference for all.

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Slovenia has launched several initiatives serving as platforms to strengthen genuine political dialogue and trust. It is proud of its contribution to the stabilization of the Western Balkans and of its efforts to provide assistance in post-conflict rehabilitation, regionally and globally.

2. Promoting peace

Despite Slovenia being among the most peaceful countries in the world, it is aware that its security largely depends on the security of all its partners worldwide. In addressing a wide range of challenges and threats to international peace and security, the global community must provide an urgent, collective and determined response, in line with the principles of the UN Charter and international law.

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As a State Party to all major international conventions and treaties regarding arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, Slovenia will continue to advocate efforts to make these instruments universal and to ensure their implementation.

Climate change and scarcity of resources demand greater resilience and bold, determined and coordinated action. Cyber and hybrid threats must also be addressed in a decisive manner.

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Slovenia actively participates in the UN and other peacekeeping and stabilization efforts with its military, police and civilian personnel currently deployed in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. It takes part in the training of personnel in international operations and missions. The support for and promotion of the Women, Peace and Security and Youth, Peace, and Security Agendas are incorporated into Slovenia's activities.

3. Human dignity and human future

Eradication of poverty, sustainable development and respect for human rights serve as building blocks for peaceful and resilient societies. In partnerships with more than 30 countries, Slovenia's projects promote good governance, equal opportunities, high-quality education and combating climate change, particularly by the sustainable management of natural resources. Slovenia is at the forefront of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and considers the COVID-19 recovery plans and delivering climate objectives as an opportunity to commit to the SDGs even further.

As global humanitarian needs grow at an alarming pace, Slovenia is steadily strengthening its humanitarian aid. It strives to play a meaningful part in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its ramifications. Through bilateral cooperation and contributions to COVAX, Slovenia has thus far donated a number of doses of COVID-19 vaccines exceeding the size of its population.

Slovenia will continue to contribute to the recovery and development of conflict-affected countries through humanitarian demining, victim assistance, stockpile destruction and mine action management. It will continue to help the children affected by armed conflict through assistance and rehabilitation projects.

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Slovenia's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights is reflected in its dedicated work as a member and observer of the Human Rights Council. The focus of its efforts is on the elimination of all forms of discrimination, promotion of equality, empowerment of women and protection of vulnerable groups.

The interrelatedness of human rights, climate change and environmental degradation is essential to our future. Slovenia is proud to have co-led a decade-long process towards the landmark global recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, recognised by the Human Rights Council in 2021.

Slovenia played a proactive role in delivering the Glasgow Climate Pact, because it shares the common sense of urgency to address climate change. With a long tradition of investing in science

and water diplomacy, it promotes a comprehensive policy approach to water, its crosscutting nature and relevance for human development, preservation of ecosystems and climate resilience.

Slovenia advocates the inclusiveness of, access to and investment in the building of a digital society. The Slovenia-based International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI), under the auspices of UNESCO, is dedicated to the support for the development of AI-based solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and to the promotion of responsible, human-centred and human rights-based artificial intelligence in all spheres, especially education, assistive technologies, waste management, climate change and circular economy.

4. Stability and the rule of law

A robust system of international law provides stability and predictability. As one of the founding members of the International Criminal Court and a member of the Core Group for the adoption of the new *Multilateral Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of the Most Serious International Crimes*, Slovenia is committed to the fight against impunity and bringing justice to the victims of atrocities on all levels. These endeavours and activities also have a preventive effect and constitute an essential and imperative part of post-conflict reconciliation.

Slovenia will continue to strive for the progressive development and codification of international law.

The multilateral system should evolve and adapt in response to the changes in the international environment. To improve the efficiency and transparency of the UN, Slovenia supports the efforts for reforming the UN system, including the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly and the Security Council reform. It supports the Code of Conduct regarding the Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.

5. Slovenia's pledge

For 30 years, Slovenia has been a reliable and credible member of the UN family. It has come a long way since gaining independence, international recognition and membership of all major international and regional organizations. It was proud to serve as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council in 1998–1999, constructively contributing to its work and advocating for its transparency. Slovenia's credentials in the UN and other organizations attest to its dedication, integrity and experience as an involved multilateral actor, donor and humanitarian partner.

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