



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
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Mr President,

First, let me thank the Special Rapporteur for her report and presentation today. Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to make additional remarks in its national capacity:

While recognizing some steps in the right direction, we share the concern with others on the human rights situation in Eritrea. We are of the opinion that the situation still needs the attention of this Council and therefore call for the extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Eritrea.

Mr President,

We call on Eritrea, as a Human Rights Council member, to uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to cooperate with all human rights mechanisms, including HRC special procedures and treaty bodies. We would like to encourage Eritrea to demonstrate leadership and address challenges in the field of human rights including by requesting OHCHR's support in technical assistance and capacity building.

Thank you!