



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
at the  
**41<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council**  
**Item 2: General debate on the oral update**  
**by the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

Madam High Commissioner,

At the beginning we would like to commend the important contributions that the Office has made in the last months not only here in Geneva, but most importantly on the ground. My country remains strongly convinced that we should be working even harder to make sure that our actions in the Human Rights Council translate into action on the ground.

In yesterday's speech you stressed some of the new threats and old challenges the world faces today. No matter the challenge, we need to rise up to them with a human rights based approach. As the Declaration of Human Rights states "*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights*" and we as member states, and as international community, must seek to continuously promote, protect and fulfil them.

Slovenia remains a strong human rights advocate and a friend of human rights mechanisms, including the special procedures. We would like to use this opportunity to stress the key role they play in today's human rights infrastructure and call for a full and unimpeded cooperation with them.

Madam High Commissioner,

my country is a strong believer in social protection. Measures to provide security and protection might be indispensable for conflict prevention and sustainable development, but are also key for achieving social justice.

We wish you every success in your coming endeavors.

I thank you, Mr. President.