



Statement by
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Mr. President,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity:

We would like to thank the High Commissioner for her latest report on the situation in Ukraine and support the continuing engagement of OHCHR in technical cooperation and capacity-building activities with the Government of Ukraine and civil society.

Slovenia shares the OHCHR's concerns about the need to ensure broader protection for the rights of the conflict-affected civilians wherever they may be.

We remain concerned over rise of serious human rights violations and the persistence of impunity. All pending cases of human rights violations and abuses, such as enforced disappearances, torture and killings, violence, politically motivated prosecutions, discrimination and harassment should be thoroughly investigated. Accountability for such violations must be ensured!

Slovenia once again reiterates that full implementation of the political and security measures arising from the Minsk Agreements by all parties is vital for securing a sustainable political solution. In this connection, we express our concern about the Russian presidential decree of 24 April, enabling the simplified issuing of passports in certain areas of Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which runs against the spirit and the objectives of the Minsk Agreements.

Lastly we call for unimpeded access to the entire territory of Ukraine, including illegally annexed Crimean peninsula and the Donetsk and Luhansk regions for regional and international human rights monitoring mechanisms as well as non-governmental human rights organizations .

Thank you.