



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
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Madam High Commissioner,

We welcome the focus of your statement on climate change and its impact on the enjoyment of human rights.

Slovenia is aware of the multiple implications of climate change and other types of environmental degradation, which have been at the forefront of our work in this Council.

We welcome the steps taken by numerous states to recognize the right to a healthy environment, lastly done so by Cuba. As you, we are encouraged by these actions.

Slovenia believes progressive development of international human rights law is essential for progressive realization of human rights of all individuals. Therefore, we will together with other states, conduct informal consultations with a view of exploring options to further enhance the contribution of this Council to addressing the global environmental crisis we are facing and its profound impact on human rights. We hope we can count also on your support.

We are deeply concerned about your update on violence related to the protests in Gaza. Slovenia strongly condemns the disproportional and unlawful use of force by Israel against demonstrators, as well as rocket attacks from Gaza and other forms of violence and terrorism.

We call on all parties, State and Non-state actors, to refrain from hostilities and to allow access of humanitarian and medical personnel to the people in need, to ensure the treatment of those injured and affected.