



Statement by
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General debate
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Mr. President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement. In our national capacity, we would like to express our deep concern over dire human rights and humanitarian situations in Syria, Yemen, as well as in Myanmar, Venezuela and Sudan.

Both, in **Syria** and **Yemen**, we deplore that the toll of the conflict continues to be borne by civilians, especially women, children and those most vulnerable. In **Yemen**, we urge all parties to allow humanitarian access to those in need. In **Syria**, we are particularly concerned over the intensity of violence. We express our continued support to the CoI and IIIM and reiterate that the situation in Syria must be referred to the ICC.

We call on the government of **Venezuela** to release all political prisoner and to cooperate with the OHCHR and the HRC special procedures, and to thoroughly investigate all alleged violations of human rights.

In **Myanmar** we are especially concerned over conflict-related sexual violence as indicated in the latest FFM report. Accountability for human rights violations must be ensured.

We call on the new transitional authorities in **Sudan** to cooperate with the OHCHR and this Council's human rights mechanisms in addressing these issues.

Slovenia strongly condemns the disproportional and unlawful use of force by Israel against demonstrators in **the protests in Gaza**, as well as rocket attacks from Gaza and other forms of violence and terrorism.

Thank you.