



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Item 4: Human rights situations that require the Council's attention
General debate

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Madame President,

In addition to the EU statement we would like to make the following remarks:

We are appalled by the security and humanitarian situations in north-west Syria, where almost one million civilians, mostly women and children, have fled their homes since December. We call upon all parties to immediately stop the violence, guarantee the protections of civilians and enable unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance. Only a political solution leading to a lasting peace can guarantee the rights of all Syrians.

We would also like to express our concern about the continued human rights violations in Myanmar and Venezuela. With regard to Myanmar we welcome the ICJ ruling on measures to protect Rohingya community from genocide and call on Myanmar to comply with it.

Despite the cooperation of Venezuela with OHCHR in recent months we remain concerned over the dire humanitarian and serious human rights situations in the country.

We call on both countries to fully cooperate with all human rights mechanisms and in this vein grant them access to their countries.

Let me recall that in accordance with the UN General Assembly Resolution 60/251 each member of this Council should always fulfill its human rights obligations and uphold the highest human rights standards at home.

To conclude, we would like to express our concern about the impact of extreme level of poverty and lack of access to basic services on millions of people in South Sudan. We also deplore the increase of violence and impunity in the central region of Mali.

Thank you.