



Statement by Slovenia
at the
44th Session of the Human Rights Council
ID on HC annual report

Geneva, 1 July 2020

Madam President,

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

We would like to thank all who contributed to successfully launching the 44th Session of the Human Rights Council yesterday. As the central UN human rights body, it is of utter importance for it to remain active and vocal on human rights issues particularly in these challenging times.

Madam High Commissioner,

Slovenia strongly concurs with your assessment on the importance of leadership grounded in clarity and evidence. Furthermore, we are convinced in the need to protect the most vulnerable members of our societies.

Slovenia's human rights based approach and universal health coverage were the fundamental pieces that enabled resilience of our society against COVID-19.

Furthermore, our government adopted targeted measures, aimed at protecting the most vulnerable, as well as our society as such, ranging for example from direct financial transfers to the youth and older persons to partially subsidizing salaries for employers, adopting a moratorium of bank loan payments, etc.

In the wake of COVID, Slovenia remains deeply concerned over exacerbated levels of exclusion and discrimination suffered by women and girls, and we wish to actively support all initiatives aimed at collecting and exchanging best practices for tackling these challenges.

Thank you.