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**Item 10: Interactive dialogue on High Commissioner's oral report on Ukraine**

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**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr Vice- President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU. We would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity.

Slovenia thanks for the report and welcomes this opportunity to discuss the situation in Ukraine. We continue to follow developments in the country with great concern.

While we take note of the 20% decrease in recorded conflict related civilian casualties in the last reporting period, we remain disturbed over the spikes in hostilities described in the report. Slovenia would like to once again underline the importance of implementation of the Minsk Agreements.

We welcome also the recent Human Rights Monitoring Mission's thematic report on the Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Ukraine. We would like to use this opportunity to underline the need for all parties involved in the hostilities to take all possible precautionary measures to prevent sexual violence and immediately address any allegations of sexual violence.

We join others in call for ensuring full, free and unimpeded access to OHCHR and other international human rights monitoring mechanisms to the Crimean peninsula.

Slovenia appreciates the important steps already taken by Ukraine in areas of legal developments and institutional reforms and now underscores the need for their implementation.

Thank you!