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Statement by Slovenia

Mr President,

[Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States. We would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity.]

As it has been highlighted also during the high level segment, the Council has an important **preventive role** in international peace and security.

Deteriorating human rights situations and human rights violations such as signs of possible atrocity crimes must be considered by this Council with extra cautiousness. In this respect, the Council's early warning capacities should be part of the prevention pillar of Responsibility to Protect.

Let us be reminded by the dire human rights and humanitarian situation witnessed in the **Syrian Arab Republic** today, on the consequences of failure to prevent.

Slovenia continues to closely follow developments in **Ukraine** and reiterates its support for rule of law.

We are also expressing our concern over the human rights situation in **Burundi** and **South Sudan**, which we have addressed in our earlier interventions.

Finally, we are concerned about the reports of the serious human rights violations against the **Rohingya population in Myanmar** as well as of the deterioration of the security, human rights and humanitarian situation in Rakhine State.

Thank you!