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**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr. President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement.

We remain deeply disturbed by reports of the continuing grave deterioration of the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic. We condemn in the strongest terms the indiscriminate and deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure. We join the Commission’s condemnation of the 4 April attacks on medical facilities in the town of Khan Shikhoun [in southern Idlib] and of the use of chemical weapons. We reiterate that such attacks represent serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law and may amount to war crimes.

We call for ensuring accountability for breaches of international law, especially human rights and humanitarian law. We reiterate our previous calls to all parties to immediately desist from any further attacks, violations and abuses of international human rights law and humanitarian law, including against children and persons belonging to different minorities.

We wish to thank Mr Pinheiro for the oral update and reiterate our full support to the Commission of Inquiry, its mandate and its work. We call upon the Syrian authorities to cooperate fully with the Commission by granting it unhindered access throughout the Syrian Arab Republic.

In conclusion, we would appreciate your views on the Commission’s cooperation with the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism.

Thank you.