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**Item 4 - Interactive dialogue with the Commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic**

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**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr President,

My country aligns itself with the EU statement.

Slovenia will remain supporter of this Council's responsiveness to the human rights situations around the globe. HRC should act in due corse when widespread, systematic and gross human rights violations occur and threaten peace and security.

The Human rights situation in **Syria** remains of our permanent concern, as we have stressed in the interactive dialogue with the CoI on Syria.

On **Belarus**, Slovenia supports the work of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the country. We oppose the use of the death penalty and expect Belarus to introduce a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its permanent abolition.

Slovenia is deeply concerned over the human rights situation in the occupied eastern **Ukraine** and the illegally annexed Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. We follow the situation carefully in all international fora, especially in the UN Human Rights Council.

In **Burundi,** human rights violations and abuses are continuing. We deplore the incitement to violence, in particular on ethnicity based sexual violence. We call on the Burundian government to fully cooperate with the OHCHR and with the commission of inquiry established by this Council.

The findings of the UNMISS in **South Sudan** raise our deep concern particulary investigation into human rights violations and abuses committed in and around Yei town**.**  These findings reflect the overall worrisome human rights and humanitarian situation in the country.

Slovenia shares concerns of many over the reports of human rights violations and violence in **Democratic Republic of Congo**. We'll express our views on the issue in the upcoming interactive dialogue.

Thank you!