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**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr President,

[Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement.]

We remain a strong supporter of HRC's responsiveness to address the deteriorating human rights situations around the globe.

The situations in Syria, Sudan and Ukraine, will be or have been referred to in our interventions.

We remain highly concerned over recent reports of human rights violations in **Rakhine state in Myanmar**. Military operations that harm civilians, in particular women and children need to end immediately. We call upon the government of Myanmar to remove restrictions on humanitarian access. UN Human Rights Office and the Fact-Finding Mission must be granted access.

The recent findings of the Commission of Inquiry on **Burundi** are alarming! We regret the lack of cooperation of the Government with the Commission. We call upon authorities to stop the serious human rights violations committed by members of the National Intelligence Services and the national police force, military officials, and members of Imbonerakure.

We are concerned on human rights situation in the **DRC**, especially in the Kasai provinces and in the Eastern part of the country. We are alarmed in particular by the findings that point to ethnically motivated violence as well as on recruitment and use of children as soldiers or human shields. It is of utmost importance that all human rights violations and abuses are investigated and perpetrators are brought to justice.

Slovenia shares concerns over the dire situations in **South Sudan and Yemen**. In **South Sudan** people are fleeing due to reported very serious human rights violations such as killings, abductions, sexual violence and so forth.

For **Yemen** the international community should strive to ensure accountability for alleged human rights violations, which is one of the preconditions to achieving a lasting settlement of the current crisis.

Thank you!