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**Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons and the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe water and sanitation**

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**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the Independent Expert Kornfeld-Matte for her work on the latest report!

Madam Independent Expert,

The report addresses contemporary challenges that have not yet been thoroughly considered in the human rights fora for what we commend you.

In your report you mention that states should raise awareness of the available assistive devices and build the capacity of older persons and their caregivers to engage in new technology through targeted training.

In what ways the rapid technological advances could be promoted taking into account the challenges that end users might face with the frequent changes in technology?

Slovenia further commends the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe water and sanitation for his reports and would like to put to him the following question:

In your report you stress that the obligation of States by exercising regulatory functions is to ensure the enjoyment of human rights to water and sanitation without discrimination of any kind and that the enjoyment of these rights should not be determined, inter alia, by a person`s place of residence. Taking into account the financial constraints in almost all States, how, in your opinion, should States ensure non-discriminatory enjoyment of human rights to water and sanitation also to persons, living in rural areas/peripheries, where the costs because of dispersed settlement are much higher?

Thank you.