



Statement by
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Mr. President,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU.

We would like to thank the High Commissioner for his latest report on the situation in Ukraine and welcome the continuing engagement of OHCHR in technical cooperation and capacity-building activities with the Government of Ukraine and civil society.

The report documents the increasing number of civilian casualties and the continuation of shelling of critical civilian infrastructure. Conflict-affected population faces further hardships due to forced evictions, limited access to reparations, restitution, social security, health and educational facilities.

Slovenia is alarmed that serious human rights violations continue with impunity and that the number of documented cases of arbitrary detention, torture, ill-treatment, sexual violence and threats to physical integrity is on the rise. All cases of human rights violations must be effectively investigated and accountability for such violations must be ensured.

We stress that all international human rights observers and monitoring mechanisms should be granted full, free and unhindered access to the entire territory of Ukraine, including illegally annexed Crimean peninsula and the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Slovenia once again reiterates that full implementation of the political and security measures stemming from the Minsk Agreements by all parties is vital for securing a sustainable political solution.

Mr. High Commissioner,

What would be the most needed short-term measures to alleviate the suffering of the conflict-affected population?

Thank you.