



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns with the EU statement.

We commend the Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar for its final report and regret that the Mission has not been granted access to Myanmar.

Slovenia is seriously concerned with the conclusions of the report which states that gross human rights violations and abuses were committed in Rakhine, Kachin and Shan States and that many of these violations amount to the gravest crimes under international law.

All allegations of human rights violations and abuses must be investigated and their perpetrators held accountable. Slovenia welcomes the recent ruling of the ICC Pre-trial Chamber regarding the Court's jurisdiction over the alleged deportation of Rohingya from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

Mr President,

The alarming situation in Rakhine state and other affected areas has caused a massive displacement of Rohingya population, who sought refuge in Bangladesh. In this regard we take note of the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Myanmar, UNHCR and UNDP. We call on Myanmar to allow full and unrestricted humanitarian access and to ensure conditions for safe, dignified, sustainable and voluntary return of displaced Rohingya population to their homes, in full compliance with the obligations under international human rights and refugee law.

Given the widespread impunity and lack of humanitarian access to the conflict affected areas, how can we best help civilian population, in particular women and girls who are the most frequent victims of sexual violence in the affected areas?

In conclusion, Slovenia calls upon Myanmar to stop systematic, widespread and grave human rights violations and to cooperate with the UN human rights bodies and its human rights mechanisms. We also fully support a proper follow-up to the work of the FFM.

Thank you.