



Statement by
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Item 4: Human rights situations that require the Council's attention
General debate

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Mr. President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statements, and would like to deliver some additional remarks in its national capacity. With regard to the situations in Syria, Venezuela and Ukraine we would like to refer to our statements during the respective interactive dialogues.

We are deeply concerned over the dire human rights and humanitarian situation in Yemen. We call on all parties to respect international human rights and humanitarian law. We condemn the systematic and widespread human rights violations and abuses, particularly sexual violence, child recruitment, and violence against persons deprived of liberty. They must end and accountability for the violations needs to be ensured. Access to the essential services and livelihood continues to be the main concern for the people of Yemen. It is heart-breaking that children are paying the biggest price of this conflict. They are being robbed of their childhood and their future, denied their dignity and basic rights, such as the right to life and education. The conflict must come to an end and we call for inclusive UN-mediated political agreement which would guarantee sustainable peace in the country. We urge the Government to cooperate with the Group of Eminent Experts and we call on all parties to implement the Stockholm agreement.

Human rights situation of Rohingya population in Myanmar remains a concern. Accountability for human rights violations must be ensured. We call on Myanmar to cooperate with the the UN human rights bodies and its human rights mechanisms and ensure an unhindered access to all parts of the country. We reiterate our call for the quick operationalization of the independent mechanism established by this Council and follow the ICC Prosecutor's recent request to proceed with a full investigation into the alleged crimes against humanity of Rohingyas from Myanmar into Bangladesh.

We follow with concern the human rights situation in Sudan, particularly the reported human rights violations in connection with the recent demonstrations. We call on the authorities to ensure that all violations are investigated and that perpetrators are held accountable. We also continue to express our concern about the human rights situation in Darfur.

The human rights situation in Burundi and its continued lack of cooperation with the HRC mechanisms remains a concern. We call on the Government to fully cooperate with the Commission of Inquiry and grant them full access to the country.

Thank you.