



Statement by
The Republic of Slovenia
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Mr/Madam Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me to thank you, as well as the Vice-Chairs, for successfully guiding this session. Slovenia fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union, and wishes to add several remarks in its national capacity.

We thank High Commissioner Grandi for his profound reflections at this pivotal juncture. After nearly a decade of service, his voice carries the weight of experience and moral clarity. Slovenia deeply appreciates his leadership and the tireless efforts of the UNHCR staff, often under the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

Today, we face an alarming erosion of trust in multilateralism, rising hostility towards humanitarian principles, and an unprecedented scale of forced displacement. At the same time, financial resources are shrinking drastically, with direct and painful consequences for the protection and well-being of refugees, the resilience of host communities, and the very ability of UNHCR to carry out its mandate. Slovenia cannot overstate its appreciation for UNHCR's work and its invaluable contribution to the global humanitarian response. In this difficult environment, we reaffirm our strong support for UNHCR and our commitment to solidarity, responsibility-sharing and principled humanitarian action.

Turning to regional crises, we remain gravely concerned about the devastating war and increasingly dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, the crisis in Sudan, where conflict threatens millions, Russia's illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and other conflicts and crises, such as in Afghanistan, Yemen, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar, among others. Slovenia has stepped up its financial and political support to humanitarian responses, but above all calls for silencing the guns, adherence to international law, in particular international humanitarian law, and unimpeded humanitarian access.

Mr/Madam Chairperson,

Slovenia was an active participant in the Second Global Refugee Forum and has already implemented many of its pledges. In particular, I am pleased to announce that Slovenia is as of this year a state party to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. Furthermore, Slovenia recently joined also Global Alliance to End Statelessness and stands ready to contribute actively to its work.

Mr/Madam Chairperson,

Slovenia remains committed to working hand in hand with UNHCR, partners, and affected communities. We believe that the generosity of host countries must be matched by international solidarity. We believe that efforts for peace are never in vain, for only peace can transform displacement into return, reintegration and dignity. And we believe that multilateralism, inclusive and principled, is the only way to confront today's crises.

If we truly believe in human dignity for all, then we must build a world that enables lives, not threatens them. We must show that cooperation is stronger than fragmentation, and that justice is stronger than impunity. We must embrace our shared responsibility to uphold humanity, development and international law – for this is what binds us together as a global community.

Thank you.