



Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Slovenia



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Slovenia

Organisational Type

Member State

City and Country where Headquartered

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Focal Point Name

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Region

Europe

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2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to include the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict in the IHL manual of the Slovenian Armed Forces by 2017. Furthermore, Slovenia will include the Guidelines in the pre-deployment training of civilian and military personnel participating in international operations and missions and will endeavour to include them in EU and NATO Security Sector Reform concepts and operational activities.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Slovenia commits to promote assistance to third countries affected by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war through the activities of ITF Enhancing Human Security.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Slovenia commits to support the efforts of impartial humanitarian actors to engage in dialogue with, and operate in areas controlled by, non-state armed groups.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia (RS) is among the first that signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and their Destruction.

Slovenia participated at the 16th Meeting of the States Parties (MSP) of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) and at the 7th Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) in 2017. In its statements, RS condemned the use of anti-personnel mines/cluster munitions. RS regularly reports to the UN on national efforts for the implementation of both conventions pursuant to their respective Article 7.

RS is a member of the Human Security Network (HSN). RS chaired the HSN from June 2016 until June 2017. The HSN had statements also at the 15MSP and 16MSP of the APMBC.

Slovenia established ITF Enhancing Human Security to help solving humanitarian crises caused by anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war. It offers financial, in-kind, political and diplomatic support. In 2017 RS allocated 668,901.06 USD. RS is also an active promoter of the international "Lend Your Leg Campaign", which takes place on International Mine Awareness Day (April 4).

Slovenia participated at the 2nd International Conference on Safe Schools in Buenos Aires. At the 34th Session of the UN Human Rights Council Slovenia joined the statement on Safe Schools Declaration. During the UN Security Council annual open debate on children and armed conflict in October 2017 Slovenia called on Member States that haven't done so to endorse the Save School Declaration and the Lucens Guidelines in its national statement and as member of the HSN. It has also joined the



joint statement prepared by Norway.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.
- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

Slovenia is assessing progress by carefully evaluating relevant annual reports (i.e. Cluster Munition Monitor, Landmine Monitor, ITF Annual Reports etc.).

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Data and analysis
- Human resources/capacity
- Multi-stakeholder coordination

B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?

Although basic analysis is being conducted, better decisions or follow-up could be achieved with more data and more data analysis, which is impeded by available human resources.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

For 2018 Slovenia plans to uphold the current structure of the above-mentioned activities: further active participation at Meetings of States Parties of both conventions, further timely and quality reporting, further support to awareness raising and further financial, in-kind, diplomatic and political support to ITF Enhancing Human Security.

5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

Universalization of CCM and APMBC and other similar international instruments, such as Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and its Protocol V and Amended Protocol II, further work on limiting the use of Mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM) and awareness raising on these issues on the highest levels.

Keywords

Protection



2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to promote the physical and psychosocial rehabilitation of children affected by armed conflicts.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia supported five resolutions (also Resolution No 4 - Health care in danger) and 8 pledges (also pledge-Health care in danger and protecting health care) at the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, held in Geneva in November 2015. For this purpose, the relevant ministries and the NGO drafted action plans for the implementation of these resolutions and pledges.

Every two years, Slovenia drafts a report on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions in accordance with the UN General Assembly resolution (the last report was submitted to the UN Secretariat in May 2016).

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Other: The resolutions and pledges implemented within a normative framework – Slovenian legislation, practical measures

B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

The Slovenian national (International Humanitarian Law) IHL committee will submit to relevant ministries and the NGO the Mid-Term Review of the Outcomes of the 32rd International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, which was drafted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The review reflects best practices of countries regarding the implementation of resolutions.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Human resources/capacity

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

The Slovenian national IHL committee reports to the Slovenian Government every two years on its activities. This year's report will also include an outline of implemented measures envisaged in action plans drafted by ministries which have been tasked with the implementation of resolutions (also Resolution No 4 - Health care in danger) and pledges (also pledge Health care in danger and protecting health care).



5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

Every two years, Slovenia drafts a report on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions in accordance with the UN General Assembly resolution (the last report was submitted to the UN Secretariat in May 2016).

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability, Protection



2C Speak out on violations

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia raised the issue of serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law country situations in 2017 on several occasions in the UN Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review. Among others it raised the issue in discussions at the 27th special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the human rights situation of the minority Rohingya Muslim population and other minorities in the Rakhine State of Myanmar that was convened in December 2017 and in different debates of the Council's regular sessions, including by the Minister of Foreign Affairs at High-Level Segment in March 2017. In this discussions Slovenia raised human rights issues, besides Myanmar, in Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Venezuela, South Sudan, Sudan Syria and Ukraine.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia will continue to speak out and condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law as well as call for accountability of perpetrators and bringing them to justice, in particular in the UN Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to continue working together with Argentina, Belgium and the Netherlands on the initiative for a Multilateral Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of Most Serious International Crimes (MLA Initiative), which is aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of prosecution.	Argentina, Belgium and the Netherlands	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to continue to pay particular attention to training and education on women, peace and security in the military, the police and judiciary.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Slovenia commits to designate a focal point at the Slovenia Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for promoting respect for international humanitarian and human rights law.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Slovenia commits to follow up the implementation of the resolutions and pledges of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and to report thereon. Moreover, Slovenia will prepare and submit its biennial reports on the status of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity



Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind

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IHL and IHRL compliance and accountability

Slovenia raised the issue of serious violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and called for compliance of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in 2017 on several occasions. Slovenia raised the issue also regarding country situations in the UN Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review. It also participated inter alia in discussions at the 27th special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the human rights situation of the minority Rohingya Muslim population and other minorities in the Rakhine State of Myanmar that was convened in December 2017.

As a staunch advocate of the responsibility to protect (R2P) principle in May 2017 Slovenia hosted the third European R2P Focal Points Meeting devoted to an exchange of information, experience and good practices in applying this principle.

Other-2D

In the second half of 2017, the Slovenian national IHL committee established first contacts with the German IHL committee about organising consultations of both committees on normative framework (Slovenian and German legislations) for the implementation of IHL.

On the basis of Paragraph 7 of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflict (Protocol I), Slovenia makes regular contributions to the Fact Finding Commission's budget and provides funds for the administrative costs of the Commission's operation (in 2017 Slovenia's contribution amounted to CHF 321).

Slovenia supported the establishment of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on international crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic (IIIM). In 2017, Slovenia made a financial contribution to the IIIM. Slovenia was among the co-sponsoring States that supported the adoption of the United Nations Security Council resolution 2379 (2017).

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B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

Representatives of the Slovenian national IHL committee regularly participate in universal and regional meetings of national IHL committees. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity for presenting the establishment, composition, leadership, mandate and best practices of the Slovenian national IHL committee and comparing its activities with those of national IHL committees of other European countries.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?

The Slovenian national IHL committee is drafting a programme for this year's consultations with the German IHL committee, which has already been coordinated with relevant ministries and the NGO.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia will continue to raise the issue of serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law, including with regard to country situations in the UN Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review.

Further comparison of the Slovenian and German legislation governing the implementation of IHL will show whether the existing



Slovenian legislation needs to be amended or complemented with new regulations

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

The consultations with national IHL committees of European countries could also focus on other issues, such as the role of national IHL committees in the drafting of material for international conferences and national reports on the implementation of treaties in the field of IHL.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability, Protection



2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

Joint Commitments

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
<p>Slovenia pledges to continue to promote ratification of and accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention by States. It remains gravely concerned about the continued use of anti-personnel mines and strongly condemn any such use by any actor. It further pledges to uphold its commitment to meet the humanitarian goal of the Convention – a world free from the use and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines, and to put an end to the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines through their complete eradication.</p>	<p>Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Luxembourg, Germany, Guatemala, Mexico, Serbia, Slovenia, Thailand, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Ukraine and Chile</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
<p>Slovenia calls for the holding of regular meetings of States on the implementation of international humanitarian law, and offers to host such a meeting.</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>Slovenia commits to consider the ratification of the 2006 Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance by 2018.</p>	<p>Policy</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>Slovenia commits to promote the annual UN General Assembly Resolution on the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, along with active and extensive reporting in its statements in the UN General Assembly First Committee.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>Slovenia commits to promote the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute and the Kampala Amendments in bilateral, regional and multilateral contacts, also by expressing readiness to provide assistance to states with regard to their ratification and implementation processes.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>
<p>Slovenia commits to support the work of the national IHL committee.</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>

Core Commitments



Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia is a staunch supporter of international human rights law. It promotes the respect for international human rights law (as well as international humanitarian law) in its activities as the member of the UN Human Rights Council in the period 2016-2018. In 2017 Slovenia has on several occasions called for respect of international human rights law during discussions and negotiations of relevant resolutions in the UN Human Rights Council as well as the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly. In the UN Security Council annual open debate on children and armed conflict in October 2017 Slovenia also called on full compliance with international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law by all parties to the conflict. Slovenia also raised the issue of serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law in relevant country situations on several occasions in 2017 including in the UN Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

In 2017 Slovenia did not take any action to ratify the 2006 Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. Inter-ministerial deliberations on ratification have continued.

Keywords

IHL compliance and accountability



3D Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to continue to equally engage men and boys as strategic allies and partners to achieve gender equality.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Slovenia commits to develop a strategy on gender equality in international development cooperation, which will also include women, peace and security issues, by end 2016. One of the strategy priorities will include sexual and reproductive health and rights, also in the field of humanitarian assistance and in the period after an emergency.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
Slovenia commits to increase current levels of funding for women's groups, including organizations of women with disabilities, girls networks and women's machineries, from current levels of approximately 1% to 4% by 2020, in order to enable them to engage meaningfully in humanitarian action.	Financial	Leave No One Behind
Slovenia commits to provide a greater number of women's groups with capacity-building and mentoring support to double the current absorption capacity of women's groups by 2018.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.	Leave No One Behind
Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.	Leave No One Behind
Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.	Leave No One Behind
Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia believes that gender equality cannot be achieved without equally engagement of men and boys as allies and partners in these endeavours. Therefore, engagement of men and boys as strategic allies and partners to achieve gender equality is a topic to which Slovenia pays considerable attention, also by promoting discussions in multilateral forums and engaging in different international gender champion initiatives.



- The Permanent representative of Slovenia to the United Nations (UN), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and other international organisations in Vienna has chaired the MenEngage Network that is active within the OSCE for the second year;
- Slovenia has together with Costa Rica and the United States of America initiated the establishment of the Vienna International Gender Champions Initiative;
- During the 35th Session of the UN Human Rights Council Slovenia, together with Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, delivered a statement in the panel discussion on involving men and boys in efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and co-sponsored the resolution 35/10 Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women: engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls
- Preparation of the Strategy of the International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance is underway. The Strategy foresees the adoption of guidelines on gender equality where issues on women, peace and security will be included.
- In calls for proposals selection criterion for implementing a project of gender equality is experience in the field of gender equality.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.
- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

Progress is measured through reporting to the the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and through evaluations.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Strengthening national/local systems

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia will continue to call for inclusion of men and boys in gender equality activities, in particular in international forums. Promotion of the role of men and boys in preventing and responding to conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence will also be included in the Slovenia's Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security for the period 2018-2020.

Keywords

Gender



3F Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to continue to promote the empowerment of people, especially the young generation, through human rights education and training, so that everyone would learn about tolerance and respect for the human dignity of all people, as well as the means of ensuring tolerance in all societies.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Also in 2017 Slovenia promoted human rights education and training in human rights forums and on the ground. Slovenia is a member of the Platform for Human Rights Education and Training in Geneva and Paris. Together with other members of the Platform Slovenia tabled an annual resolution on the topic in the UN Human Rights Council.

In 2017 Slovenia supported the project Our Rights, a human rights education project for children launched by Slovenia in 2005, in Morocco and Kosovo.

Slovenia also provided psychosocial support to children in Ukraine and Belarus, to children in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon, school and peer mediation for children in Bosnia and Herzegovina and training courses for young diplomats of the West Balkans.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- By reporting to, or using reports prepared for, UN principal organs, UN governing boards, or other international bodies

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia will continue to pay special attention to human rights education and training in its foreign policy activities and thus promote the empowerment of people, especially children. Inter alia it will continue to support the project Our Rights in Morocco and Egypt. It will also continue to provide psychosocial rehabilitation of children affected by conflict.

Keywords

Education, Youth



4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to address the full range of any remaining taxes that might be imposed on humanitarian relief in accordance with the IDRL Guidelines by 2017.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Adoption of the Annual Plan for implementation of the activities for protection against natural and other disasters for the year 2017 in line with the Resolution on the National Programme for protection against natural and other disasters for the period 2016-2022

Continuation of active participation in the UN campaign "Ready for Disasters, My city is getting ready", after three already certified resilient cities in Slovenia, additional cities received UN certificate: Velenje (May 2017), Škofja Loka (in process).

On the basis of the prepared risk assessments for natural and other disasters prepared in 2016, assessments of risk management capabilities were being prepared.



In line with the National Strategic Framework for Climate Change Adaption adopted in 2016 national climate scenarios were being upgraded in order to allow better assessment of climate impacts in Slovenia; in 2017 first sectorial impact assessments were published (for agriculture and forestry).

Enhanced multilateral cooperation through the establishment of a regional early warning system against floods and flood management located in Slovenia but operating in the context of the Sava River Commission.

Slovenia adopted the new Resolution on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance in September 2017. The need for greater complementarity in humanitarian assistance and development cooperation is underlined by giving special emphasis on connecting reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes with development cooperation activities.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

- through the annual report of the implementation of the planned activities in the Annual Plan for protection against natural and other disasters for the past year.
- through regular annual reports on development cooperation to the parliament.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Data and analysis
 Multi-stakeholder coordination
 Strengthening national/local systems

B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?

Slowing down the processes of implementing and monitoring of planned activities.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

- Strengthening prevention against natural and other disasters, in line with the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction.
- Strengthening multi-stakeholder cooperation, also through the national platform for disaster risk reduction.
- Emphasis on disaster risk reduction in the Annual Plan for protection against natural and other disasters for the year 2019.
- Assessments of risk management capabilities for the 13 disasters for which risk assessments were prepared in 2016, will be prepared along with a comprehensive national risk management capability assessment.

5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

- Raising awareness and active participation of citizens.
- Cross-sector cooperation, multi-stakeholders approach.
- Adapting to social and technological development also in the field of disaster management.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

- National research and development programs for innovative solutions for disaster risk reduction.
- Participation of Slovenian stakeholders in international projects (research and development, prevention and preparedness, regional, cross-border...).

Keywords

Disaster Risk Reduction



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Recognising that, within a country context, humanitarian, development, peacebuilding, stabilization and climate finance should be more coherent, Slovenia commits to continue to ensure that organisational structures and internal processes foster coherence between humanitarian and development activities.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Other-4C

Slovenia recognizes the need for a more comprehensive response to the changing circumstances. This has been especially underlined within the new Resolution on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, adopted in September 2017, where the complementarity between humanitarian and development programs has been implemented through reconstruction and rehabilitation activities as well as through resilience building, disaster risk reduction and crisis prevention.

Slovenia supported reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza and Ukraine and a project of improving food security for the refugee women in Uganda.

The complementarity between the humanitarian and development areas is further taken into account when planning future activities within the framework programme on international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

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- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.



- Funding amounts
- Funding modalities (earmarking, priorities, yearly agreements, risk aversion measures)

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Passing of the new strategy on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance where practical guidance on how to better implement the coherence between humanitarian and development activities.

Keywords

Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian-development nexus



5A Invest in local capacities

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Slovenia commits to contribute to a reconfiguration of the international humanitarian financing system to allow critical front-line responders to access adequate, timely and quality funding on a fair basis by ensuring that front-line responders and local organisations are included in project implementation, thereby promoting stronger partnerships and increased direct access of local and national front-line responding NGOs to humanitarian funding.	Operational	Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Other-5A

Slovenia has for a while been committed to supporting local and front-line responding to different humanitarian challenges. All national partners implementing bilateral humanitarian projects are obliged to work with local partners on the ground, who are included in project planning, implementation and evaluation. All projects need to demonstrate country ownership and compliance with the needs of the affected population. With the aim of further improving implementation practices, Slovenia has committed to continue working in this field.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia endorsed the Grand Bargain principles, which also provide a basis for localising Slovenia's response. The Grand Bargain principles are taken into account in the drafting of the new Strategy of development cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

Keywords

Local action, People-centred approach



5B Invest according to risk

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Recognising that there are a range of tools that can be used to finance reductions of risk and anticipatory approaches to responding to crises, Slovenia commits to increase the volume of its humanitarian assistance for risk-reduction activities, preparedness and prevention as well as activities related to building the resilience of vulnerable and affected people to 10% of its humanitarian assistance by 2020.	Financial	Invest in Humanity

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.	Invest in Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

- Adoption of the Annual Plan for implementation of the activities for protection against natural and other disasters for the year 2017 in line with the Resolution on the National Programme for protection against natural and other disasters for the period 2016-2022.
- Continuation of active participation in the United Nations (UN) campaign "Ready for Disasters, My city is getting ready", after three already certified resilient cities in Slovenia, additional cities received UN certificate: Velenje (May 2017), Škofja Loka (in process).

In keeping with the commitment, Slovenia has included disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience activities as a pillar of its humanitarian assistance in the Resolution on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, adopted in September 2017. Several activities were undertaken in this regard; through the call for proposals for humanitarian projects in the 2017–2019 period, Slovenia allocated funds to three projects associated with DRR and resilience building activities.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

Progress is measured through the annual report of the implementation of the planned activities in the Annual Plan for protection against natural and other disasters for the past year and through a report on international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on a yearly basis.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Data and analysis
 Multi-stakeholder coordination
 Strengthening national/local systems



B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?

- Through the annual report of the implementation of the planned activities in the Annual Plan for protection against natural and other disasters for the past year.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

- Strengthening prevention against natural and other disasters, in line with the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction.
- Strengthening multi-stakeholder cooperation, also through the national platform for disaster risk reduction.
- Emphasis on disaster risk reduction in the Annual Plan for protection against natural and other disasters for the year 2019.

5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

- Raising awareness and active participation of citizens.
- Cross-sector cooperation, multi-stakeholders approach.
- Adapting to social and technological development also in the field of disaster management.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

- National research and development programs for innovative solutions for disaster risk reduction.
- Participation of Slovenian stakeholders in international projects (research and development, prevention and preparedness, regional, cross-border...).

Keywords

Community resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction



5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.	Invest in Humanity
Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").	Invest in Humanity

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Slovenia is committed to support multi-year, predictable and flexible funding that would enable effective and efficient humanitarian response.

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

Slovenia endorsed the Grand Bargain principles that are incorporated into the draft Strategy on Development cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance. When possible, Slovenia also provides for multi-year announcements of funding, that are planned withing a multi-year framework programme. All Slovenian humanitarian contributions to international humanitarian organisations are only softly earmarked.