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**STATEMENT**

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Mr Secretary-General,  
Excellences,

the number of people affected by crises has doubled in the last decade, and humanitarian needs have dramatically increased. So have our financial efforts. Unfortunately that was not enough. What we have missed, however, is **greater emphasis on protection, preventive action and preparedness**. Humanitarian needs will not disappear, but there are ways of minimising them.

We all need to do more **to uphold humanitarian principles**. Slovenia is a staunch supporter of the proposed core commitments.

Furthermore, we are committed to promoting international humanitarian and human rights law. We will continue to support the Slovenian **demining, humanitarian, non-profit organization "ITF Enhancing Human Security"**, working in the field of human security and ensuring assistance to children affected by armed conflicts. We pledge to promote the protection of civilians and civilian property.

Slovenia will also continue to promote international criminal justice and the strengthening of domestic judicial systems, including through the **mutual legal assistance initiative**, aimed at promoting **accountability for atrocity crimes**.

Another prerequisite for reducing the number of people in need is to close the gender gap in humanitarian activities. Slovenia remains deeply committed to a future in which **women's voices and priorities** are taken forward. We will continue to invest the necessary efforts in the interrelated spheres of women, peace and security, also by increasing funding for women's organisation. We must invest in more effective partnerships, preparedness and prevention.

By **ensuring at least 10% of humanitarian funds for prevention and resilience activities**, and by **enabling coherence between humanitarian and development fields**, Slovenia is contributing to the joint success of our aspirations.

Thank you.