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**STATEMENT**

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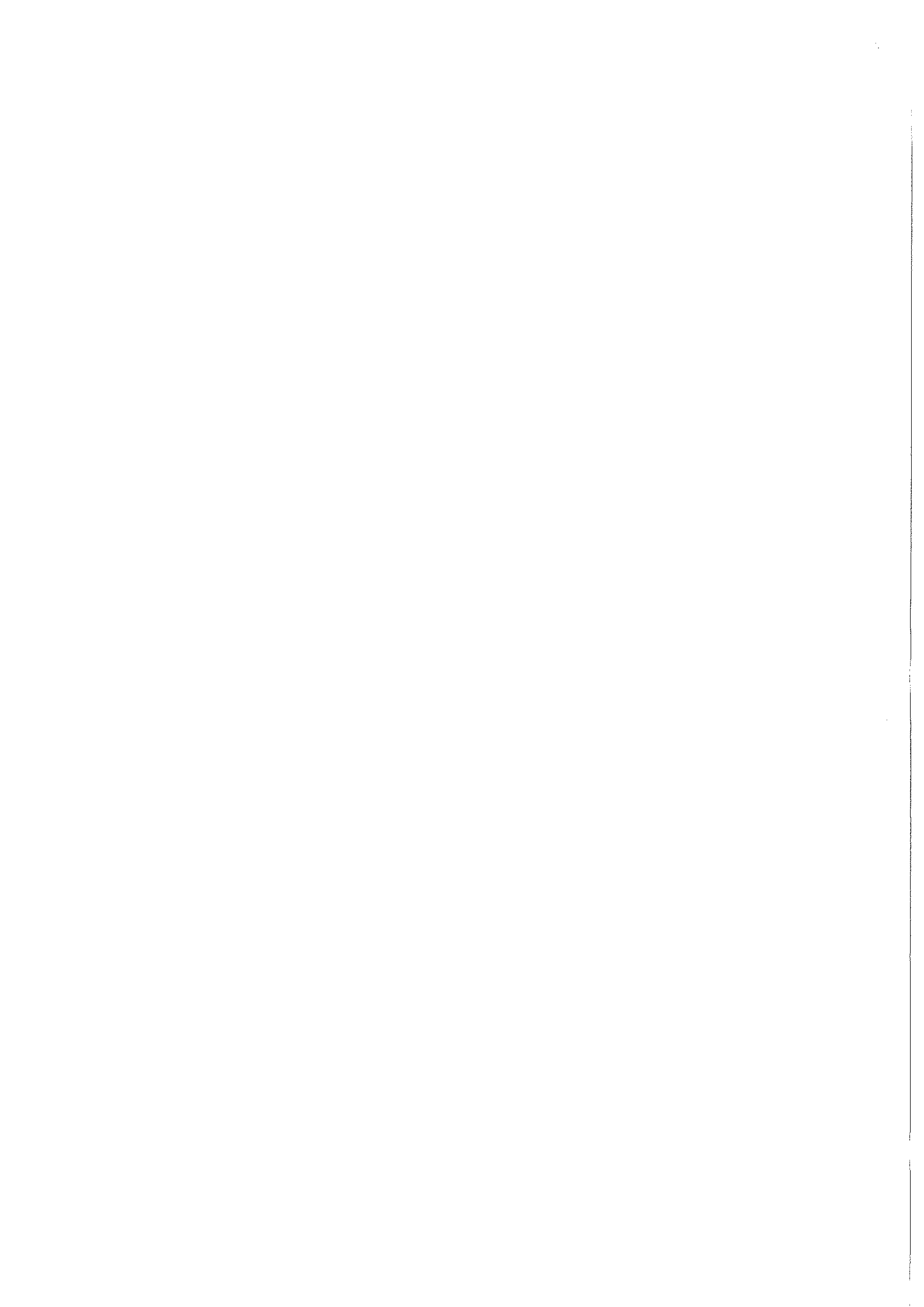
**Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia**

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Excellences,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Current humanitarian needs are unprecedented since the Second World War. More than **125 million people** have lost everything and need our solidarity. Over **60 million** of them were forcibly displaced.

**Disregard for international humanitarian and human rights law** causes massive suffering among civilians. Natural disasters are more frequent and severe. The crises have become more and more complex, while people **lack the means to ensure resilience and early recovery**. It is a sobering reminder that there is a need for change.

This is why I wholeheartedly thank UN Secretary General for presenting the Agenda for Humanity, and express our appreciation to Turkey for hosting this historic event.

Slovenia has long been **a staunch supporter of a principled, timely and effective humanitarian response**. We are earmarking roughly **10% of our bilateral development assistance for addressing humanitarian needs**.

Our endeavours have been focused on addressing the biggest humanitarian challenges world-wide. Furthermore, we ensure prevention and preparedness by supporting activities in the field of human security and human rights, including through the Slovenian

**demining, humanitarian, non-profit organization "ITF Enhancing Human Security".**

To **ensure the minimalisation of humanitarian catastrophes** once they have occurred, we also support **capacity building and resilience activities**. Special attention has always been devoted to those who are most vulnerable and furthest behind.

Our humanitarian aspirations are also successfully complemented by development activities, thus enabling full recovery and reconstruction long after a crisis. Our **humanitarian funds have grown by one third in the last year**, and we have **maintained a 100% realisation rate for several years now**.

However, Slovenia is aware that more has to be done. Thus, we are fully committed to taking forward the **Agenda for Humanity** and we call on all participants to do the same. Slovenia has decided to **sign up to all of the proposed core commitments**.

Moreover, we will continue to strive for further progress in **respecting humanitarian norms, ensuring gender equality and effective partnerships**, which were set out in a number of concrete commitments to be announced during the Summit.

Thank you for your attention.