



Statement by Slovenia
at the
44th Session of the Human Rights Council

**ID with Interactive dialogue with the Independent International
Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic**

Geneva, 14 July 2020

Madame President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement of the EU.

Slovenia thanks the Commission for the oral update and would like to express continued support to its mandate and work. We call on all parties to fully cooperate with the Commission, as well as with other human rights mechanisms.

We remain deeply concerned about the human rights violations in the Syrian Arab Republic. We urge all parties to the conflict to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law and to abide by the UN Secretary General's call for a global ceasefire.

We join the calls to the Syrian Government to end the practice of arbitrary detention especially of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities; furthermore we condemn the enforced disappearances. We urge Syrian authorities to actively search and investigate the cases of missing persons and to provide information on missing and detained persons to their families.

We express our concern about the economic crisis in the country, which is a result of over nine years of conflict and lack of progress towards political solution. It is important to recognize that the disproportionate part of the crisis is again borne by women. We call for a concrete progress of the work of the Constitutional Committee.

It is crucial that a political solution to the conflict in line with Security Council resolution 2254 (2015) is reached through an inclusive negotiation process, with the aim of building a sustainable and resilient future Syrian society.

Thank you!