



Statement by the Republic of Slovenia

at

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Thank you, Mr President,

As a strong advocate of a strong and effective multilateral system, with the UN at its centre, Slovenia, welcomes the revival of the UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

The UN funds and agencies have a central role in promoting just, inclusive and sustainable development and in particular in the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Slovenia's funding reflect thematic priorities of our development cooperation, **Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls** (SDG 5) are at the core of our development policy.

In 2024, Slovenia has already allocated a core contribution of 30.400 USD to UNICEF. Pending government approval, Slovenia is planning core contributions for UN-Women and UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

Addressing climate change is a major test for effective multilateral action. Slovenia attaches particular importance to supporting most vulnerable countries by providing contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS). In 2024, we intend to make the first contribution to the Climate Security Mechanism (CSM).

The UN System also plays a key role in the *implementation of **Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approach***, which Slovenia is actively championing through our work in the ECOSOC and UN Security Council.

Slovenia is thus committed to providing financial support also for humanitarian purposes, in particular Central Emergency Trust Fund (CERF). Slovenia already announced a contribution of 80.000 EUR for 2024 and we intend to increase our contributions in future.

Since 2021, Slovenia also provides financial contribution to the UN Peacebuilding Fund (UNPBF) and Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA). In supporting the role of women in peacebuilding, Slovenia attaches great importance to Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) and has started funding it in 2023.

Thank you.