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Ljubljana, 20 June 2014

Dear Deputy Secretary-General,

Dear Jan

I wish to thank you, most cordially, for our fruitful meeting last week on the margins of the UN General Assembly high-level event. As you said, the rule of law and human rights deserve our support because they foster development – but they demand our support in their own rights as a matter of simple justice. I am glad we had the opportunity to discuss the importance of addressing all three interdependent pillars of the UN – peace and security, development and human rights – in order to contribute to strong societies and in turn to international stability.

We especially appreciate your commitment to strengthening preventive action with respect to the deplorable escalation of breaches of human rights and humanitarian law. Here, I would like to reiterate that Slovenia fully shares the view that more attention should be paid to addressing human rights violations at an early stage, thus preventing escalation into all-out conflicts and atrocities. With this in mind, Slovenia fully supports the initiative "Rights Up Front", and is willing to make available a senior diplomat to work on the initiative within the UN Secretariat. Such an arrangement would represent important added value in terms of Slovenia's regional and cross-regional experience and perspective, including on mediation, conflict resolution, peace-building, and post-conflict transformation.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration in promoting human rights and the rule of law and strengthening UN preventive action, including the R2P concept.

With my warmest regards,

Bernad

H.E. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Bogdan Benko, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia addressed to H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 23 June 2014



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