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Mr. President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement and would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity:

As a staunch supporter of international humanitarian law, Slovenia shares the views of Ecuador, France, Ireland, Austria, Switzerland and a number of other countries regarding Protocol III and the use of incendiary weapons. We would therefore be in favor of the adoption of a new CCW mandate to discuss issues and concerns relating to the use of incendiary weapons in specific crisis situations in recent years.

We'd also like to state for the record that Slovenia has never possessed, produced, tried to acquire or used any form of incendiary weapon. Nor have we taken part in any international operations, in which international humanitarian law was seriously violated. In line with our longstanding policy, Slovenian Armed Forces do not engage in military operations in which other participants use incendiary weapons, anti-personnel mines or cluster munitions.

Finally, Mr. President, let me assure you of our unwavering respect and support for the principles and commitments of the CCW and for international humanitarian law.

Thank you.