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collectively to bridge the existing digital divide, which remains a significant issue. With the increased use of technology, we must also be vigilant about protecting the privacy and security of individuals' data by putting in place strong legal frameworks and enhancing international cooperation.

We have to be mindful as well of the growing number of governments misusing digital technologies to restrict access to information and the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms. These actions often target journalists, human rights defenders, activists, workers and union leaders, political opposition members, or others perceived as dissidents and critics.

In conclusion, Slovenia firmly believes that technology is a powerful enabler in our pursuit of justice for all. However, we must approach its deployment with a commitment to equity, inclusivity, and privacy. By working together, sharing best practices, and upholding the principles of the rule of law, we can leverage technology to create a more just and equitable world where access to justice is not a privilege but a right for all. Slovenia stands ready to collaborate with the international community to advance this crucial agenda.