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## **32<sup>st</sup> Session of the HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

### **High-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council: achievements and challenges 13 June 2016**

#### **Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Mr. President

The Human Rights Council has achieved significant success in strengthening the protection of human rights, preventing violations, promoting accountability as well as addressing critical situations of human rights violations. Yet while we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this body, human rights violations around the globe continue to persist. We can only address these challenges appropriately if we secure adequate funding of the Council, its mechanisms and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The underfunding is a severe impediment to the effective implementation of resolutions, recommendations and advices at the national level. It affects not only the Council, but the United Nations as a whole: With one of the three pillars of the United Nations severely underfunded, the United Nations' mission as a whole is at stake.

Mr. President

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council is a perfect opportunity to remind ourselves of the principles for members of the Council as well as for the electing states we have committed ourselves to ten years ago. We believe it is important to have an open discussion on how to enhance these principles we all agreed to. In this regard, we welcome the paper presented last week by the International Service for Human Rights on "Strengthening the Human Rights Council at 10" as an important contribution of civil society to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council. This paper contains interesting ideas on how to enhance membership standards of the Council and many more thought provoking ideas to strengthen the Human Rights Council.

I thank you!