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**Clustered Interactive Dialogue with  
the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders  
and the Special Rapporteur on Torture  
2 March 2017**

**Intervention by Mr. Claudio Nardi  
First Secretary, Permanent Representation of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Mr. President,

We are disturbed that a growing number of human rights defenders around the world are confronted with intimidations, threats and reprisals. These actions not only violate universally recognised human rights standards, they also seriously impact efforts by the civil society to promote and protect human rights. We commend the efforts led by the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders as well as the Assistant Secretary General Andrew Gilmour to help tackle these intolerable actions. But this is not enough. A united and robust response from all of us is needed to protect civil society space.

We are interested in hearing more about the emerging trends in terms of attacks on Human Rights Defenders and how the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders sees his role in relation to the ASG's role as focal point for reprisals.

I thank you!