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Interactive Dialogue with the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls

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

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Working Group for its report on women's human rights in the changing world of work.

Women's access to decent work and an independent income are important prerequisites for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls as well as the empowerment of women.

The human rights aspect of the world of work has been given an increased attention in the past years. Last year, the Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on equal pay, expressing deep concern that jobs traditionally held by women have been undervalued, that women and girls undertake a disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic

work and over the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination women and girls face in the world of work.

In the same session, the Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls in the world of work, since women in vulnerable forms of work are particularly exposed to the risk of harassment and violence at the workplace.

The COVID-19 has exacerbated these already concerning situations, with women making up to 70 per cent of the frontline workers in the health and social sector.

Madam President,

Liechtenstein is a strong supporter of the work done by the Working Group and wishes to encourage them to continue its work in view to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

I thank you.