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### **Interactive Dialogue on the report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar**

**14 September 2020**

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

Thank you, Madame President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar for the submission of its second report. The establishment of the Mechanism has been a landmark decision for both the Human Rights Council and the people of Myanmar.

The mandate of the Mechanism as established in the HRC resolution 39/2 is essential to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes under international law in Myanmar since 2011 can be held accountable and brought to justice.

We are pleased to see that the Mechanism has made significant progress since its operationalization in August 2019 despite the difficult circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We welcome the Mechanism's main objective to deepen its substantive work on all fronts by identifying priority cases and conducting missions to interview and collect evidence

from witnesses and other information sources, while we deeply regret that the Government of Myanmar does not cooperate with the Mechanism.

We reiterate our strong call upon the Government of Myanmar to fully cooperate with the Mechanism and grant full and unhindered access to the country in order to constructively facilitate the implementation of the mandate of the Mechanism.

Madame President,

We would like to know from the Head of the Mechanism, Mr. Nicolas Koumjian, to what extent the Mechanism collaborates and identified synergies with the Independent and Impartial Investigate Mechanism on the Syrian Arab Republic.

Finally we reiterate our strong support to the Mechanism and its most important work.

I thank you.