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### Enhanced Interactive Dialogue with the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan

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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,  
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the *Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan* for its oral update and for its indispensable work.

We are concerned about reports about the human rights situation in South Sudan. This includes the alleged recent wave of extrajudicial executions in the Warrap State, in which dozens of persons, including children, have been publically executed outside any judicial processes. It is every person's right to receive a fair trial, and children are not to be executed under any circumstances.

Liechtenstein urges South Sudan to take effective and credible steps to strengthen its institutional capacities and to hold local authorities that deliberately exploit the system and commit such severe human rights violations, to account. The rule of law must be

upheld at all times and human rights standards, including the right to due process, need to be respected.

It is indispensable that all cases of extrajudicial and arbitrary killings are thoroughly investigated. This is the only way to provide justice to victims and survivors as well as their families and loved ones and to prevent a continuous pattern of violence. In this regard, we commend the important work of the *Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan* in collecting and preserving evidence and hope that meaningful accountability processes will follow.

I thank you.