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## **Statement at the 51th Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Agenda item: 4 – ID with the Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine**

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**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine for their oral update.

The war in Ukraine is already in its seventh month and creating a hotbed for violations of international human rights and international humanitarian law.

We are worried by the recent announcement of a partial mobilization in Russia, which could raise the scale of the war to unprecedented levels. Russia must immediately stop violating the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Ukraine and must refrain from holding referenda in occupied Ukrainian territory to try to justify an illegal annexation.

We disapprove of the alleged forced deportation of Ukrainian citizens, including children, to Russian territory, often through filtration camps set up by the Russian occupying forces. We strongly condemn the establishment of such camps, especially the mistreatment, beatings, and torture that allegedly take place there. Reports also point to Ukrainian prisoners of war being mistreated and denied a fair trial.

Even more gruesome are recent reports of liberated areas around *Izium* where mass graves were found with victims showing signs of torture.

Liechtenstein fully supports all accountability efforts that have been undertaken so far, including the mandate of the Commission. The international community must ensure that impunity does not occur.

I thank you, Mister President.