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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein firmly believes in the promotion and protection of human rights as a prerequisite for sustainable peace and development. Serious human rights violations need to be investigated and perpetrators to be held accountable. The Council plays an important role in achieving tangible results and progress in this respect.

Mister President,

We welcome the recent publishing of the OHCHR's assessment on Xinjiang. We are concerned about the findings that the human rights violations committed by the Chinese authorities in Xinjiang "may constitute international crimes, in particular crimes against humanity". We urge China to implement the recommendations in the assessment and to cooperate with the United Nations and the international community in this regard.

Moreover, Liechtenstein fully supports the proposed establishment of the mandate of a Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Russian Federation.

We are alarmed by the recent death of Mahsa Amini in Iran and the violent crackdown of peaceful protests resulting in the killing of more than 50 people. Upholding the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are crucial for the enjoyment of human rights.

Liechtenstein is also concerned about the human rights situation in many other countries and has expressed or will express these concerns in the dedicated dialogues on such situations.

I thank you, Mister President.