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## **Statement at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 3 – Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Torture**

**14 March 2023**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We welcome the new Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in her position and thank her for her report.

The prohibition of torture is a peremptory norm of international law and needs to be respected and upheld at all times and under all circumstances.

Regrettably, however, the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment is still prevalent in many countries in all geographic regions.

As the Special Rapporteur highlights in her report, torture is first and foremost a crime committed or enabled by public officials abusing a situation of power. This makes it even more important to create safe, accessible and confidential complaints procedures and to credibly investigate all cases of torture.

Effective investigations and prosecutions provide an acknowledgement of the suffering of victims and survivors, allow for effective remedy and reparation and have a deterrent and preventive effect.

Madam Special Rapporteur,

How can structural obstacles be overcome in States to ensure the investigation and prosecution of cases of torture?

I thank you, Mister President.