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## **45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **General Debate on oral update by the High Commissioner on Human Rights and oral updates on Nicaragua and Venezuela**

**15 September 2020**

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

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet for her oral update on the situation of human rights.

We share the concerns about the deteriorating situation in many countries the High Commissioner has highlighted and agree that concerned States need to strengthen their efforts to ensure accountability for all forms of human rights violations and abuses in order to prevent impunity, future violations and abuses as well as to prevent a further deterioration of situations.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms all forms of reprisals, threats, intimidations or attacks against journalists and human rights defenders. We call on all states to ensure a conducive and safe environment for journalists and human rights defenders to conduct their most important work in protecting and promoting human rights.

We welcome the OHCHR's continued monitoring of situations of concerns and the availability for country visits if the situations merit further attention as well as engagement through respective country offices.

Madam President,

We share the High Commissioner's concern regarding the dire financial situation of the United Nations, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in particular, we are concerned that mandated activities cannot be fully carried out anymore which may have a negative impact on the human rights system and monitoring of situations of concern.

Before concluding, we would like to assure the High Commissioner of Liechtenstein's continued strong support for her mandate and her Office.

I thank you.