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Intervention by Mr. Daniel Batliner, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you Madam President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence for the presentation of his report.

Memory processes related to gross violations of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law amounts for an important part of transitional justice processes.

Memorialization and – as the Special Rapporteur calls it – "dialogic truth" is an absolute precondition for a debate within the society on the causes and consequences of past crimes and violence, the attribution of direct and indirect responsibility, thus accountability, and promote the development of a culture of democracy and respect for human rights.

Madam President,

Together with other States, Liechtenstein initiated a joint statement on the importance of casualty recording that will be read out at the item 3 General Debate next week. We attach great importance to the comprehensive and detailed record of persons killed in armed violence and conflict and would like to know by the Special Rapporteur, what role casualty recording can play in memorialization processes.

Finally, we would like to express our strong support for the work of the Special Rapporteur and the renewal of his mandate.

I thank you.