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Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Independent Expert for his report.

The equality of all persons is a key in the promotion and protection of human rights for all. It is therefore important that every human being has the freedom to determine the confines of their existence, including their gender identity and expression. Liechtenstein condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender-diverse persons. Diversity is an asset for every society and should not be the cause of hate.

Liechtenstein underlines the importance of preventing and addressing all forms of violence and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Accountability is not only critical in providing justice for the victims and survivors of such

violations, but also in preventing such acts from happening again in the future. Enabling a safe space for civil society and human rights defenders working on LGBTQI issues plays another key role in this regard.

Finally, Liechtenstein wishes to acknowledge the achievements made with this mandate. The work carried out highlights the importance of the topic and the necessity for its further consideration. We would like to reiterate our strong support to the mandate of the Independent Expert as well as to the mandate holder.

I thank you.