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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence for his report and for his indispensable work.

The report estimates that, from 1948 to 2008, between 85 million and 170 million people died as a result of national or international armed conflicts and that, in an overwhelming majority of these cases, the perpetrators of serious international crimes have gone unpunished.

The accountability of perpetrators of human rights violations is an essential element of every transitional justice process. A number of international instruments and mechanisms have long recognised the importance of accountability, both in providing justice to victims and in preventing further violations from being committed.

Both, in accountability and transitional justice processes in a broader sense, a victim-centred approach should serve as a basis for all efforts. Fair and independent processes, as well as judicial independence play another major role in the success of transitional justice and accountability.

We commend the Special Rapporteur for outlining the various models of accountability and several good practices related to the *Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court*. Liechtenstein is a strong supporter of international courts, such as the ICC, as well as of the principle of universal jurisdiction for the most serious crimes under international law.

I thank you.