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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 *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances* for its report and for its indispensable work.

We are concerned about the large number of cases of enforced disappearances under active consideration by the Working Group.

Enforced and involuntary disappearances often amount to severe violations of human rights that also affect a number of other human rights. The disregard of right to due process, and unfortunately often the prohibition of torture, cruel and inhumane treatment also play a major role in this regard. It is therefore each State's obligation to ensure that such cases are prevented, including by taking all necessary steps to combat an environment of impunity as well as by strengthening procedural safeguards and judicial

processes. The rule of law and human rights standards must be upheld at all times as they serve as the basis for every democratic society.

Liechtenstein calls on all States to cooperate with the *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances* in a timely and meaningful manner, so that families and loved ones can be reunited and truth and justice can be ensured.

I thank you.