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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Inquiry on Syrian Arab Republic for its report and the indispensable work over the past years.

We are deeply concerned by the deterioration of the situation for civilians on the ground resulting from the worst economic and humanitarian crisis the country has faced since the start of the conflict.

We condemn the on-going systematic use of arbitrary detention, torture and ill-treatment as a method of suppression and warfare by the Syrian authorities.

The almost completely destroyed and deliberately targeted civilian infrastructure leaves the civilian population with the sad choice between displacement camps, where they face appalling conditions, and a return to homes in frontline areas where active hostilities and indiscriminate attacks have claimed countless lives and targeted food and water resources.

Mr. President,

We reiterate our strong support for all investigative and accountability mechanisms, in particular the *Commission of Inquiry and the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism*, documenting all cases of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. Furthermore, we call on the Security Council to refer the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic to the *International Criminal Court*.

I thank you, Mister President.