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Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the High Commissioner for the presentations of the reports.

Liechtenstein is deeply concerned about the deterioration of the human rights situation in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as a consequence of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

The high numbers of arbitrary arrests and detentions of civilians who are perceived by the Russian authorities to have an anti-Russian or pro-Ukrainian view are alarming throughout all Ukrainian territories temporarily controlled by Russia.

The OHCHR stresses that some of these cases even amount to enforced disappearances. In the detention facilities, many civilians have been subjected to torture and ill-treatment, sometimes over the course of several months. Others were simply summarily executed.

We urge the parties to the conflict to immediately cease the arbitrary detention of civilians, enforced disappearances, torture or ill-treatment. Obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law must be upheld regardless of the prevailing circumstances.

In conclusion, we reiterate our full solidarity with Ukraine.

I thank you, Mister President.