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## **Statement at the 55th Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 4: Interactive Dialogue with the Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**18. March 2024**

**Ms. Sandra Frommelt**

**Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein extends its gratitude to the Fact-Finding Mission for the presentation of its report and its crucial work. The report highlights disturbing trends, including the escalating persecution of women and girls, human rights defenders, journalists and their families.

The investigation into the violent response to peaceful protests following Jina Mahsa Amini's tragic death by security forces has revealed acts potentially constituting crimes against humanity. Recorded violations include disproportionate use of force, arbitrary arrests, unfair trials, torture, executions, and gender-based discrimination and violence.

Furthermore, the proposed "Bill to Support the Family by Promoting the Culture of Chastity and Hijab" exemplifies the deterioration of human, especially women's and girls' rights. If enacted the bill would squash the already minute space left for women's and girls' expression of freedom and exercise of their rights. To pull the trigger and catalyst of the current situation further, would perpetuate the cycle of violations of rights, violence and suffering.

Mr. President,

Accountability for the long-standing oppression and related human rights violations would be paramount to address the systematic impunity. Liechtenstein supports the extension of the mandate of the Fact-Finding Mission in order to enable the Mission to complete its mandate.

I thank you.