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General Debate

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt,
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Mr. President

Liechtenstein welcomes the convening of this special session. Liechtenstein is deeply saddened by the loss of life in the context of the recent violence in Gaza. We urge all parties involved to avoid any further escalation. We are deeply concerned about the excessive use of force by the Israeli security forces in response to the protests. The Palestinian people should be able to exercise their right to protest peacefully. In this context, we also condemn any incitement to violence or provocation, including by Hamas.

Given the scale of the violence and the loss of life, it is essential that all actions and alleged crimes committed are thoroughly investigated and that potential perpetrators are held criminally accountable. Should national authorities fail to do so, we have a collective obligation to step in. We recall in this context that Palestine is State Party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), and that the ICC is currently conducting a preliminary examination into the situation in Palestine. Without prejudice to further course of action by the ICC, this factual statement should be reflected in the draft resolution before the HRC.

We also underline the need for an independent and transparent investigation of all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law committed by all parties. We echo the call by the Secretary-General in this regard.

Liechtenstein continues to support a two-State solution within an international legal framework based on applicable international humanitarian law and relevant Security Council resolutions. We also reaffirm our position on Jerusalem and continue to adhere to the international consensus as reflected particular in relevant Security Council Resolutions.

I thank you.