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Intervention by Ambassador Kurt Jäger,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the High Commissioner for Human Rights for the presentation of her comprehensive annual report.

2020 has certainly not been an easy year. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has, however, proven its flexibility and effectiveness by adapting to the difficult circumstances that were posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial situation of the OHCHR.

Especially in the current context, the promotion and protection of human rights is of utmost importance. The pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequalities and affected a broad range of human rights. Liechtenstein welcomes the OHCHR's tireless efforts in providing guidance for States on how to apply a human-rights based approach in stopping

the spread of the virus. In this regard we also want to point out the important work of the special procedures.

While Liechtenstein continues to be concerned about the financial situation of the OHCHR, we would also like to use the opportunity to reiterate our full support for the High Commissioner for Human Rights and her Office.

I thank you.