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## **Statement at the 51st Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item: 2 – EID on the human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan**

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**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We remain appalled by the human rights situation in Afghanistan since the Taliban came into power a little bit over a year ago. Women and girls in particular have been deprived of the achievements of the preceding two decades.

Fundamental rights such as freedom of movement and the right to education have been taken away from women and girls.

In addition to the ever-worsening economic situation and humanitarian crisis, women and children are facing increasing violence, especially by domestic abuse. Economic hardship has also driven up the number of child marriages, child labor and the sale of children.

We strongly urge the Taliban to fully respect human rights standards and international human rights law, in particular with regard to the rights of women and girls, and to reverse discriminatory policies and directives that unduly restrict the rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls, in particular the freedom of movement, the freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and public participation.

Furthermore, we call on the Taliban to implement laws and policies that protect women and girls from any form of violence.

I thank you, Mister President.