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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine for its report and the crucial work on accountability for the crimes committed as a result of the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

We remain deeply concerned about the systematic, indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure as well as acts of sexual and gender-based violence committed by the Russian armed forces. Some of these attacks, including against energy infrastructure, constitute the war crime of excessive incidental death, injury or damage.

Equally worrying are reports about forced transfers of unaccompanied children from Ukraine to Russian occupied territory or to the Russian Federation and about reports of forced adoption of Ukrainian children in Russia. We welcome the recent announcement by the International Criminal Court to issue two arrest warrants in this respect.

Liechtenstein strongly supports the establishment of a special tribunal on the crime of aggression, as aggression is ultimately the origin of all other international crimes committed in Ukraine. Given that the crime of aggression is a leadership crime, it is also of crucial importance to ensure that there are no immunities.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate Liechtenstein's solidarity with Ukraine and its people.

I thank you.