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## **Statement at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 3: ID with Special Rapporteur on summary executions**

**26 June 2023**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report on deaths in prisons.

As prisoners fall under the direct responsibility of the State of detention and stand in direct relation to a State's responsibility to uphold the right to life, any death of prisoners held in detention must be investigated in an independent and transparent manner.

Moreover, it is the responsibility of States to take appropriate measures to prevent deaths in prison and to ensure that members of marginalized communities are not disproportionately affected.

This includes ensuring that prisons are safe and clean, their occupancy rate is respected and that the food, water as well as access to sanitation and healthcare they receive are adequate. Moreover, special attention should be paid to prisoners with disabilities, and other vulnerabilities such as age or gender-based considerations should also be taken into account.

We furthermore express our support for the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and call on all States to do the same.

I thank you, Mister President.