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## **Statement at the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Item 2: Enhanced Interactive dialogue on report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Afghanistan**

**18 June 2024**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Madame Vice-President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report and the numerous panelists for their presentations and witness testimonies.

We remain appalled by the human rights situation in Afghanistan.

We are particularly concerned about the impact of human rights violations and abuses faced by children. The denial of girls' equal access to education bears the heightened risk for other abuses, including forced marriage and enslavement.

Similarly, boys face increased risk of becoming receptive to abuse and radicalization due to being raised in a governance structure that legitimizes dehumanization of women and girls as well as suffering from a deficit of educational and economic opportunities.

The recent mass public floggings are a worrying manifestation of the widespread use of corporal punishment and the suppression of dissent.

We reiterate our call to hold perpetrators accountable and emphasize the importance of international efforts in this regard.

I thank you.