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by H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel,

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Inquiry for its report and its crucial work in investigating and documenting breaches of international humanitarian law as well as systematic and widespread violations and abuses of international human rights law, some of which may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

We strongly condemn these numerous abhorrent crimes committed by the Russian Federation and stress the need to hold perpetrators to account, both for the crime of aggression, which is a leadership crime, as well as the subsequent crimes it resulted in.

I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people who bear the brunt of these crimes and who face regular systematic attacks against them. We reiterate our strong support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

Mister President,

Let me be clear, Ukrainian people want peace. They never wanted this unprovoked and unjustified war in the first place. Nonetheless, we have a responsibility to make sure that an aggressor is not rewarded for his crimes in order to prevent further aggression. Ukraine therefore needs to be at any negotiation table in order to make sure that a just and lasting peace can be found.

I thank you, Mr. President.