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## **Statement at the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Joint Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**by Mr. Daniel Batliner,**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein extends its gratitude to both the Special Rapporteur and the Fact-Finding Mission for the presentation of their reports and their crucial work.

We are concerned about the extraordinary rise in executions last year, including the highest number of executed women in the past decade. We are appalled that even children continue to be sentenced to death and that ethnic minorities and women suffer from a disproportionate targeting of the penalty. We urge the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately establish a moratorium on the death penalty as a first step towards its abolition.

Although the new President of Iran has promised to ease the enforcement of mandatory Hijab laws prior to his election, the opposite happens and the already tight grip on women's and girl's freedom to exercise their human rights is restricted even further. We call on the Iranian government to ensure the protection of the rights of women and girls, including protection against violence and systematic discrimination, as well as ensuring respect for freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of assembly and association.

Mr. President,

Accountability for long-standing systematic and widespread human rights violations is paramount to address the complete impunity. Liechtenstein stresses the need for the continuation of keeping the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran on the agenda of this Council.

I thank you.