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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Inquiry for the presentation of its report and for its continued work.

The report confronts us with a sobering reality. Palestinian civilians find themselves trapped between two sources of grave harm. In Gaza, Palestinian civilians face severe violence at the hands of Hamas, while Israeli military operations continue. The humanitarian situation remains dire and safe, rapid, and unimpeded access for humanitarian actors and aid must be ensured.

In the West Bank, Palestinians are subject to extremist settler violence, with increased killings of civilians, including women and children, rising to deeply disturbing levels, and in contravention of Israel's obligations under international law. At the same time, Israeli civilians have likewise been subjected to killings and grave bodily harm by Hamas.

Mr. President,

The adoption of a discriminatory Death Penalty Bill marks a grave regression from Israel's own commitments. Liechtenstein rejects the death penalty in all circumstances.

In the long run, the realization of the Palestinian right to self-determination and a two-state solution is the only viable way for a peaceful, stable and sustainable solution for the region, and we call on all parties to resume credible political deliberations to this end.

I thank you, Mister President.