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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the High Commissioner for his oral update, as well as the Secretary-General for his report on the human rights situation in Crimea.

We remain deeply concerned by the continued deterioration of the human rights situation across Ukraine, including rising civilian casualties, the torture and ill-treatment of prisoners of war, and persistent restrictions on fundamental rights in territories temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation, including Crimea.

In these territories, Ukrainian citizens continue to face forcible transfer, threats, and intimidation for holding pro-Ukrainian views, forcing many to leave their homes. Those expressing views critical of the Russian authorities or the war, including in digital spaces, reportedly face sanctions such as imprisonment and forced labour.

We are also gravely concerned by reports that civilian detainees have been subjected to widespread and systematic acts that may amount to torture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence. Families continue to face serious obstacles in obtaining information about the whereabouts and fate of their loved ones.

Mister President,

OHCHR and other monitoring mechanisms continue to be denied access to temporarily occupied territories. Liechtenstein urges the Russian Federation to grant such access without delay. Independent documentation remains essential to ensuring accountability and holding perpetrators responsible.

I thank you, Mister President.