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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for this timely and important report.

We share the concern that denialism of human rights and international humanitarian law violations presents a serious obstacle to accountability and lasting peace. The denial of established facts not only deepens the suffering of victims and survivors, but also undermines efforts to achieve truth, justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence, which are the core pillars of transitional justice.

We are particularly concerned that denialism can formalize State impunity and obstruct accountability by interfering with the proper functioning of courts, misrepresenting or concealing evidence, or denying responsibility already established by national and international tribunals. Such practices risk violating States' obligations to investigate, prosecute and sanction serious violations, while depriving victims of their right to an effective remedy and judicial protection.

We note with concern the growing misuse and overreach of overly broad and vague national security laws and related measures that have a chilling effect on civil society, journalists, victims and human rights defenders seeking to document violations and preserve historical records.

Mr. Special Rapporteur, what accountability measures have been most effective in preventing denialism from reversing the findings of truth commissions, courts, and other transitional justice mechanisms?

I thank you.