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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President.

Liechtenstein thanks the High Commissioner for the presentation of his report.

Women and children continue to bear the brunt of armed conflict. They face killing, gender-based violence, forced displacement, family separation, and recruitment. Attacks affecting civilian objects, including hospitals, schools, and the water and power systems on which survival depends, compound their vulnerability.

We remain deeply concerned by continued reports of conflict-related sexual violence. Rape, sexual slavery, forced pregnancy and other sexual violence of comparable gravity may constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity. We condemn these acts without qualification. Accountability is owed to survivors and is a condition of non-recurrence.

In this regard, we welcome efforts to strengthen accountability, including Ukraine's establishment of a specialized conflict-related sexual violence unit within the Office of the Prosecutor General, and the use of gender-responsive mobile courts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to improve access to justice for survivors in remote areas.

Mister President,

We call for prompt, thorough, independent and impartial investigations capable of leading to prosecution, irrespective of rank or position. Survivors must be at the centre of efforts to address violations and the prevention of recurrence.

I thank you.