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Mr. Daniel Batliner

Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President.

Liechtenstein thanks the Fact-Finding Mission for the presentation of its report.

We are deeply worried about the volatile security situation in the wider Middle East region and deplore the massive impact of the hostilities on civilian populations and infrastructure, as well as their significant negative repercussions throughout the world.

At the same time, this is no justification for the disproportionate and deliberate use of lethal force and mass arrests by the Iranian authorities against peaceful protesters, including children, in response to the protests at the beginning of the year. The following nationwide internet shutdown and suspension of digital communications further deteriorated the situation, depriving people of essential means to communicate or seek urgent medical assistance.

Moreover, we strongly condemn the continued use of the death penalty as a tool of repression.

Mister President,

The population of Iran is confronted with both state repression and the devastating consequences of armed conflict. International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law must be respected by all parties. Accountability must be ensured for all crimes and violations. Execution must be stopped and the rights and dignity of the people must be placed at the centre of all actions.

I thank you.