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**H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Secretary-General for the submission of the report and express our concern about the cases mentioned in it, in particular the increasing number of transnational repression cases.

Liechtenstein reiterates its strong condemnation of any threats, attacks and reprisals, both online and offline, against individuals and groups because they cooperate with the United Nations and its mechanisms. Such reprisals are not only an infringement of several human rights but also have a direct negative impact on the functioning of the UN system and its mechanisms.

We are concerned about the increased use of repressive acts by the Russian Federation under the foreign agents and other laws, including the designation of human rights lawyer **Violetta Fitsner** as a foreign agent, solely for her human rights work and engagement with UN human rights mechanisms. In a similar vein, we deplore Belarus' designation of the **Belarusian Association of Human Rights Lawyers** or the social media accounts of **Human Rights House Foundation** as extremist.

Moreover, we are worried about overly broad national security legislations, including in Hong Kong, under which in the reporting period relatives of pro-democracy activists **Anna Kwok** and **Carmen Lau** were charged and, in the case of her father, convicted. Reprisals against family members are not acceptable.

Jimmi La's sentencing under such overly broad laws to 20 years in prison is a prime case in point and we echo the High Commissioner's call for his immediate release.

I thank you, Mister President.