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Distinguished Co-Chair,

Thank you for convening today's meeting and for the very useful note on possible review mechanisms and implementation models for clustered and collective mandate implementation reviews, an important step in the fulfillment paragraph 24 of resolution 80/251. Thank you also to Ayaka for your briefing this morning.

Co-Chair,

We can generally subscribe to many of the points already made by others in this room: the criteria of relevance, impact and coherence are certainly the place to start. In this respect we see two good ideas that maybe are to some degree in tension. Firstly, that each organ should assert its own ownership over the UN80 process by being able to review its own mandates, while at the same time there should be the space for different bodies to review where there is overlap between their issue areas. This latter consideration may be something for which your mandate, Co-Chair, is particularly valuable; looking not only at the overlaps not just between mandates but between the work of different bodies in overseeing them.

In general, this being said, please know that you have Liechtenstein's full support in moving forward with potential pilots.

Co-Chair,

Given that we are now well into the Committee season and given your comments made at the end of your briefing this morning, we wanted to make a quick observation on the implementation of 80/251 across the various mandates that are created at this time of year. We share the concern of some that the ideas put forward in this body have not yet been effectively 'mainstreamed' across all processes and across all Committees. Concept Notes, Review Clauses, and standalone resolutions have not yet become the default options for those putting forward mandates. We know, Co-Chairs, this is certainly not for lack of trying; we really appreciate your efforts to reach all the Main Committees and to work with Committee Chairs and Bureau and encourage further steps in this direction.

One clear distinction and something I think we would like to talk about further at the next meeting is an understanding across missions of when and how mandates begin: We see a follow-up resolution as creating a new, overlapping mandate, rather than revitalizing an old one – otherwise, the text would not be necessary.

We look forward to speaking further with you and with other delegations in this format as we go forward, including at the meeting you proposed at the end of November.

I thank you.