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**H.S.H ALOIS LIECHTENSTEIN
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Excellencies,

We live in a world that is coming ever closer together, in which development has lifted billions out of poverty and improved life expectancy. At the same time, we face two major and connected challenges.

The first challenge is for our multilateral system to evolve to meet the frontiers of today's world, whether that be setting ground rules to regulate the biggest dangers to humanity, or making our institutions more representative of the world's population.

The second is that the world's biggest and most powerful States are increasingly turning away from institutions and the system of international law which underpins them.

Liechtenstein knows the value of multilateralism first-hand. It has given us a voice across borders. It has provided the basis for our prosperity. And it has allowed us to live in peace despite abolishing our military more than a century ago.

We are ready to work with you all to strengthen the multilateral system with the United Nations at its center. We must set aside divisions between ‘North’ and ‘South’, between ‘East’ and ‘West’. Instead, we must unite:

- to improve the UN’s effectiveness both at Headquarters and within Member States.
- to strengthen international law, including the full implementation of the UN Charter and
- to empower the new leadership of the UN to work for peace.

We are therefore happy to support the declaration you have drafted for us.

While we expect the UN to take on the world’s more difficult challenges, we too easily accept its failure to solve them. We must together bring about the changes required to align the world with the vision of the UN Charter – to outlaw war, to uphold human rights, and to ensure development across the world.

I thank you.