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Intervention by Daniel Batliner

Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Madam Vice-President,

We thank both mandate holders for their reports and their presentation.

We welcome, that the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences uses the 25 years anniversary of the mandate to deliver some reflections. On this occasion, we would like to express our gratitude for the work of the current and all the previous Special Rapporteurs.

Since its establishment 25 years ago, the mandate has contributed to strengthening legal frameworks in regard to the prevention and combat violence against women and girls as well as raising awareness for the severity and importance of the topic.

Despite these efforts and progress achieved, as many as 70 per cent of women worldwide have experienced violence in their lifetime. At least 200 million girls and women alive today

have undergone some form of female genital mutilation or cutting in the 30 countries in which the practice is most prevalent.

Those figures show the necessity for further measures and efforts. Liechtenstein believes, that effective measures to prevent and combat violence against women and girls require the implementation of gender equality and the elimination of gender stereotypes, the inclusion of adequate accountability measures, including ex officio prosecutions, as well as the provision of full and equal access to justice for victims and survivors of violence against women and girls.

Finally, in order to truly end violence against women and girls, men and boys must be seen as more than part of the problem; they have to be seen as integral to the solution and need to be engaged.

I thank you.