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including its causes and consequences

Intervention by Mr. Daniel Batliner, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the
Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to thank both, the Special Rapporteur and the Working Group for their
respective reports.

The report by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its
causes and consequences, on current and emerging forms of slavery has caused serious
concerns to my Government.

In 2015, all Member-States of the United Nations have pledged to take effective measures
to end modern slavery and human trafficking by 2030, as part of the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development. While we acknowledge the efforts made so far by many States,
the report clearly shows that the current situation is still alarming and increasing
challenges in form of climate change and migration even lay ahead of us.

It is alarming that more than 40 million people are subject to modern slavery, including 25
million in forced labour. It is even more alarming that more than 10 per cent of modern

slavery is caused through State-imposed forced labour. This is clearly not in line with what we committed to in 2015 and Liechtenstein urges all concerned States to live up to their responsibility and make sure that all forms of modern slavery are abolished.

Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for highlighting and welcoming in her report and in the presentation, among others the Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission that had been developed in cooperation with the Governments of Australia and the Netherlands as well as a consortium of banks, philanthropic foundations, banking associations, civil society and others.

The initiative looks into the financial sector's opportunities to address modern slavery and human trafficking, such as using anti-money laundering tools to enhance anti-slavery and anti-trafficking compliance. We are looking forward to present the outcome of this initiative in a few weeks at the General Assembly.

Finally, we thank the Special Rapporteur for the work done throughout the years and would like to express our strong support for the renewal of the mandate and our readiness to support it in all ways possible.

I thank you.