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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

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**by H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt, Permanent Representative of the
Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report on combating violence against women journalists.

We would like to express our concern about the disproportionate targeting women journalists face by gender-based violence and sexual harassment, both within the work place and online.

We strongly condemn the use of killings, sexual violence, including sexual assault and rape, and in particular the threat of rape, as a form of sexual violence and as a tool to undermine the credibility of women journalists and discourage them from working in the media.

Liechtenstein rejects all forms of violence, harassment and threats against journalist and media workers in general. We are therefore concerned to hear that women journalists and media workers operate in an environment whereby systematic and structural gender-based violence forms part of their daily routine.

In particular, the increasing impact of online violence against women journalists, including online abuse, stalking and harassment, is worrisome.

Madame President,

I am pleased to announce that the Liechtenstein Government on 9 June has decided to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, or also known as the Istanbul Convention.

I thank you.