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

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein is deeply concerned by the further deterioration of the human rights situation in Belarus. The government has so far ignored repeatedly raised concerns with regard to the neither free nor fair election process as well as the large scale violations of human rights in the country.

We urge the Belarusian authorities to refrain from further violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to immediately and unconditionally release all unlawfully or arbitrarily detained persons, including those detained for peacefully exercising their civic freedoms and rights, and to cease and reverse any administrative or criminal judicial action against people for exercising their human rights.

We further call on the Belarusian authorities to fully cooperate with the UN and the OSCE and to conduct independent, impartial and transparent investigations of all human rights

violations, including cases of enforced disappearances and alleged cases of torture and ill-treatment, and to ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are held accountable.

I thank you.