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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the High Commissioner for Human Rights for her report.

We continue to be concerned about the human rights situation in Venezuela and strongly regret that human rights violations continue, including credible allegations of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, sexual violence, enforced disappearances and incommunicado detention. Comprehensive reforms strengthening democracy, accountability and the rule of law need to be treated as a priority.

A free and enabling environment for civil society and political actors, and the independent media to conduct their work in a safe and unhindered manner are crucial part of every democratic society. Threats and harassment of journalists, media workers, civil society organisations and human rights defenders can therefore not be accepted. Access to

information needs to be ensured and the freedom of expression as well as the freedom of peaceful assembly need to be respected.

Liechtenstein calls on Venezuela to fully implement the recommendations outlined in the High Commissioner's report and to meaningfully cooperate with the United Nations, including with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights and Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the human rights situation.

I thank you.