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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein would like to thank the High Commissioner for her oral update on Ukraine.

We would like to reiterate our strong condemnation of the Russian military aggression against Ukraine. We are horrified by the continuation of the armed conflict and the reluctance to establish a ceasefire and to find peaceful solution to end the conflict.

Most shocking are the reports of starvation as a means of warfare and shelling as well as the use of illegal weaponry against civilians and civilian objects. Even when fleeing, civilians are not safe from brutal attacks as the Russian military continues its shelling. The granting of safe passage in both directions – for those fleeing and those delivering humanitarian aid – must be respected. As a result of the war, millions of Ukrainians are forcibly displaced and lack most basic goods, including food, as well as protection and shelter. Moreover, this situation exposes in particular women and children to human trafficking and sexual slavery.

The war has already caused incalculable suffering for millions of people and must end before it escalates even further.

Mr. President,

The Russian Government needs to be held accountable for this unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine and the related war crimes and crimes against humanity. Liechtenstein has therefore been among the States that have referred the situation in Ukraine to the International Criminal Court.

We reiterate our calls for the rapid de-escalation through the engagement in a constructive dialogue. We continue to stand in full solidarity with the Ukrainian people and our Government has already allocated humanitarian emergency funds to support actors on the ground.

I thank you, Mr. President.