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## **Statement at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children**

**28 June 2023**

**Mr. Daniel Batliner**

**Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister Vice-President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report on refugee protection, internal displacement and statelessness in relation to trafficking in persons.

Every year, millions of people around the world are trafficked for the purpose of contemporary forms of slavery, exploitation, including sexual and labor exploitation, organ removal, forced marriage or forced criminality. Behind each case of trafficking in persons hides a tragic individual story of a human person.

Together with a range of partners, Liechtenstein has launched the Finance Against Slavery & Trafficking initiative (FAST) in 2018. The FAST initiative looks into how to help fight modern slavery and human trafficking through the involvement of the financial institutions.

In 2019, the initiative's Financial Sector Commission released a Blueprint on how modern slavery and human trafficking can be detected and prevented through involvement of the financial sector. The Blueprint's implementation is assisted by an Implementation Toolkit.

We encourage all States to engage with the recommendations of the Blueprint and the Implementation Toolkit in order to involve the financial sector in order to fight modern slavery and human trafficking.

I thank you, Mister Vice-President.