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Agenda item 3: Interactive dialogue on the OHCHR report on casualty recording

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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the OHCHR for the presentation of the report on casualty recording and aligns with the statement delivered by Sierra Leone on behalf of the core group that mandated the report.

We welcome the efforts of the OHCHR and other UN entities to record and report on casualties. Best practices highlighted in this study can serve as valuable guidance.

This report illustrates that casualty recording is not only about piling up numbers but about tragic individual stories and about how the information gathered can be used to support survivors and families of victims as well as to mitigate future harm.

Liechtenstein recognizes the important and vital role of civil society organizations in gathering and verifying casualty information. These organizations often have a useful level of access and local knowledge.

Liechtenstein encourages the implementation of consistent, comprehensive casualty recording initiatives in all situations of armed conflict and other violence. We also encourage all parties engaged in casualty recording to work collaboratively, and continue developing harmonized methodologies and best practice.

I thank you, Mr. President.