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Ms. Sandra Frommelt

Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Inquiry for the presentation of the report and update on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The findings once again underscore the grave human rights violations occurring in Syria, perpetuated by various parties to the conflict and amplified by broader regional conflict dynamics since October last year.

The humanitarian situation remains dire, exacerbated by (gender-based) violence, child recruitment, arbitrary detentions, torture and restricted access to essential services. We urge all parties to prioritize civilian well-being and ensure unhindered humanitarian access to every part of the country, including detention centers or other places of confinement.

The situation in Syria demands urgent action and accountability. Liechtenstein emphasizes the important role of the IIIM and we welcome the establishment of a mechanism of the missing.

Liechtenstein welcomes the ICJ's provisional measures, requiring Syria to prevent acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment and ensure no one under its control commits such practices, and to preserve evidence related to such acts. It's important that Syria respects and implements the provisional measures.

I thank you.