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**Interactive Dialogue with
the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic
14 March 2017**

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Mr. President,

Liechtenstein welcomes the most recent report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic published in early February. We were particularly pleased to see the strong recommendation to support the General Assembly's Accountability Mechanism for Syria ("International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigations and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011"). It will be important for the Commission of Inquiry to establish good cooperation while maintaining the complementary nature of their mandates. Liechtenstein continues to support the swift operationalization of the Mechanism. On 6 March 2017, the Secretary-General sent a letter to all Members States encouraging voluntary contributions to the US\$13 million annual budget

for the Mechanism. We reiterate this call as a strong and broad donor base provides the best conditions for the Mechanism to begin its work swiftly.

How does the Commission plan engage with the Mechanism on an institutional level?

I thank you!