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Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Inquiry for the submission and presentation of its most recent report.

While we are already in the tenth year of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, serious human rights violations continue to happen. We are very concerned about the reports on on-going and continued serious violations of human rights, in particular the use of torture, sexual and gender-based violence, arbitrary detention and killings.

We urge all parties to the conflict, in particular the Syrian authorities, to immediately cease all violations of human rights and humanitarian law, including the bombing of medical and education facilities.

We strongly support the call to an immediate worldwide ceasefire by the Secretary-General and urge all parties to the conflict to take necessary steps to implement the ceasefire in order to adequately address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam President,

Furthermore we would like to reiterate the imperative of accountability with regard to all crimes committed under international law in Syria and to this end call on all States to cooperate fully with the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria (IIIM).

In addition, we reiterate our principled position that the situation in Syria should be referred to the International Criminal Court by the Security Council.

Finally, we would like to express our continued strong support for the work and the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry.

I thank you.