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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for his report.

Liechtenstein is concerned about the human rights situation within the country, as well as about Eritrea's alleged involvement into the deterioration of the situation in Tigray. It is crucial that all allegations of serious human rights violations, including abductions, extrajudicial killings and executions of civilians, arbitrary and *incommunicado* detention, widespread looting and pillage, sexual violence, and the forced return of Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers, are investigated in a prompt, thorough and independent manner.

Efficient and transparent institutions that are governed by the rule of law as well as the separation of powers and checks and balances are crucial for the protection of human

rights in every country. People's participation in political processes, as well as the enablement of a safe, unrestrictive and free environment for civil society organisations, the political opposition and independent media, are other key factors in this regard.

Liechtenstein calls upon Eritrea to fully cooperate with United Nations entities and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights as well as to implement decisions, benchmarks and recommendations in order to improve the human rights situation in the country.

I thank you.