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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 *Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar* for its report and for his indispensable work.

We commend the IIMM for the progress made in spite of the difficult circumstances it finds itself in, both due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lack of access to Myanmar. The Mechanism has laid a strong foundation that will help it deliver on its mandate and bring justice to the many victims and survivors of human rights violations committed in Myanmar.

Liechtenstein welcomes the prioritisation of sexual and gender-based crimes in the investigative processes. A number of reports have highlighted the egregious and recurrent use of sexual and gender-based violence as a means to target the civilian population.

We commend the placement of an additional focus on crimes committed against children. Children are often left behind in investigative processes, even though they are particularly affected by atrocity crimes committed against and around them.

We reiterate our strong call upon the military leaders in Myanmar to grant the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar immediate, full and unhindered access to the country and to fully cooperate with it.

We have read with interest that the Mechanism is seeking to enhance its capacities to collect and analyse financial information as part of its broader investigations and would be interested in how Member States could assist the Mechanism in this regard.

I thank you.