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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein supported the convening of this Special Session to address the deterioration of the human rights situation in Ukraine as a result of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. We would like to thank the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chair of the Coordination Committee as well as the members of the Commission of Inquiry for their respective statements.

We are appalled by the systematic and widespread violations of human rights and humanitarian law in Ukraine amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity, overwhelmingly attributable to the Russian armed forces. The horrible pictures from Butcha, Mariupol, Charkiv, and other places in Ukraine have rendered us speechless. We

are worried about the high number of civilian casualties in the conflict and stress in this respect the need for comprehensive, verifiable and transparent records of casualties.

Liechtenstein strongly condemns the indiscriminate shelling and bombing of populated areas and the deliberate targeting of hospitals, schools, and other civilian objects. We stress the importance of respecting human rights and humanitarian law in this conflict.

We welcome the swift appointment of the members of the Commission of Inquiry as an important step to start the investigation into the crimes committed in Ukraine in view of holding the perpetrators of these crimes accountable.

Moreover, we welcome the launch of an investigation into the situation in Ukraine by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate Liechtenstein's strong support for the Commission of Inquiry.

I thank you.