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## **Statement at the 50th Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item: 2 – Mariupol/Ukraine**

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**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein wants to thank the High Commissioner for Human Rights for her oral update on the human rights situation in Mariupol in Ukraine.

Liechtenstein is appalled by the Russian military's relentless attacks across Ukraine which found a particularly violent expression in the shelling and bombing of Mariupol. The near-total destruction of civilian infrastructure in Mariupol continues to have a devastating impact on the lives of millions of people. Schools, hospitals, and other vital infrastructure have been mercilessly destroyed, and today the city allegedly faces an increasing amount of Cholera cases due to the lack of health care as well as water and sanitation. The Russian aggressor's warfare is a grave violation of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

These crimes must not go unpunished, and perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In this context, we strongly support the ongoing investigations by the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. Russia should abide by the ICJ's interim ruling and immediately cease all military operations in Ukraine.

Liechtenstein looks forward to providing substantial support to Ukraine in its reconstruction efforts and stresses the need for all parties to this conflict to uphold respect for international law.

I thank you, Mister President.