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

**Agenda item: 4 – ID on Myanmar**

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**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein would like to thank the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for his oral update.

We share the Special Rapporteur's concerns that several pro-democracy activists have been recently sentenced to death in Myanmar for their political engagement. We fear that this may be an indicator that the junta will resort to even more brutal methods to crack down on civil society in the future. Already now, the junta is wielding its power through violent crackdowns of protests, extrajudicial killings, massacres and torture of detainees.

Under current rule, systematic and widespread tactics are being used against civilians, denying them many fundamental rights, including the right to freedom of expression, access to information and privacy.

We condemn the instrumentalization of access to the internet in order to cover up atrocities committed by the military power. Internet shutdowns, online censorship, surveillance and other barriers to internet access should never be used as a tool for committing human rights abuses.

Accountability must be ensured for the most serious human rights violations committed by the military authorities in order to rightfully condemn the restrictions of fundamental freedoms online and offline. The instauration of an effective rule of law could improve the political, economic and humanitarian situation.

We also remain particularly worried about religious minorities in the country, who are relentlessly being persecuted. In general, all measures taken by the junta to transform Myanmar into a state under authoritarian military rule must be reversed immediately.

I thank you, Mister President.