



## **Ministerial Side Event**

### **Aggression against Ukraine: Human Rights and Humanitarian Impact in Ukraine and Beyond**

#### **Statement by**

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Excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

Dear Dmytro

And friends,

I have just delivered my address to the Human Rights Council and have dedicated a large part of my speech to the situation in Ukraine. The events in the past year have left us in shock. I am still overwhelmed from the impressions and experiences I gained during my visit in Ukraine in November last year.

For my country, Liechtenstein, and for me personally, it is clear that the countless international crimes committed in Ukraine by the Russian Federation, cannot go unpunished. We need to hold accountable those who are responsible for these crimes. This holds true in particular for the architects of this war, those who have shaped the policy to invade Ukraine and thus committed the crime of aggression. We are gratified to see growing international support for the creation of a special tribunal.

In order to deliver meaningful results, such a tribunal must effectively address immunities, so it can do its work on the basis of the internationally agreed definition of aggression as a leadership crime. This, in our legal analysis, can only happen through the creation of an international tribunal on the recommendation of the UN General Assembly. I am asking you all to join in this important endeavor, to deliver justice for Ukraine, to defend the UN Charter and to deter future would-be aggressors.

Excellencies,

It's my personal wish to convey that we stand ready to actively engage in any efforts that help mitigating the dire impact of the war on the Ukrainian people and to ensure justice for the crimes committed. It gives me hope to see how united we have been over the past year and we will continue our engagement in this spirit. I thank you.