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## **Statement at the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 4: ID with the Commission of Inquiry on Syria**

**22 September 2023**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Commission of Inquiry for its report and its important work on accountability.

We are concerned about the renewed outbreak of fighting and its effects on the already dire humanitarian situation, worsened by hindrance of humanitarian access into some areas by the government and other parties to the conflict.

We are also concerned about violations of human rights affecting returnees and echo the call that the Syrian Arab Republic remains unsafe for returnees. Particularly worrisome are the accounts of enforced disappearances, acts of torture and ill-treatment and arbitrary detention of returnees.

We welcome the institution of proceedings by Canada and the Netherlands at the International Court of Justice as an important step towards accountability for torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment which the Commission has documented. In order to ensure accountability for all international crimes, also on a level of individual criminal responsibility, we reiterate our call on the Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court.

I thank you, Mister President.