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Explanation of Position by Liechtenstein on the resolution entitled "International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda" (A/74/L.40)

Liechtenstein welcomes the consensual adoption of the resolution led by Rwanda entitled "International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda" (A/74/L.40).

Liechtenstein expresses appreciation that the resolution expressly recognizes the importance of combating impunity by holding perpetrators of serious international crimes and human rights violations accountable through the national and international justice system.

Liechtenstein regrets that the international Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda did not receive a more prominent reference in the resolution given its efforts together with the local courts to strive for transitional justice in Rwanda.

Liechtenstein also regrets that explicit references to the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and the International Criminal Court were not made. Liechtenstein recalls that the International Criminal Court is the central institution of the international criminal justice system, while primary responsibility for investigations and prosecutions is with national justice systems. In honoring the memory of the victims of this horrific genocide, we should both reflect on the failure of the international community at the time and acknowledge the progress made since in the area of international criminal justice.

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