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STATEMENT BY H.E. AURELIA FRICK, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Distinguished Co-Chairs, dear colleagues,

I thank Argentina, the European Union and Mongolia for bringing us again together on this pressing issue. Our collective commitment to end capital punishment has been consistent and long-standing, but not always translated into concrete action. The Global Alliance stands out as a positive example.

I commend States and organizations, and the European Union in particular, for enforcing legislation that restricts and prohibits trade in goods that are used for capital punishment. And I applaud companies engaged in preventing States from purchasing their drugs if they are used for lethal injections. Hopefully more businesses will follow suit.

Finally, I am grateful that the Global Alliance makes a contribution to the ever growing consensus that the death penalty is incompatible with the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment – a prohibition that is non-derogable and binding on all of us, at all times, in all circumstances. I look forward to the next steps we take together. You will find in Liechtenstein a committed partner to achieve our common goals.

I thank you.