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### **Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**

**30 June 2021**

Intervention by Ambassador Kurt Jäger,  
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the previous Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for her report that very comprehensively lays out the work conducted within the mandate as well as the milestones achieved.

Extrajudicial and arbitrary killings are amongst the worst violations of human rights. Whether in conflict, politically motivated, or as a means to silence critics, these crimes need to be condemned most vigorously. Cases of extrajudicial and arbitrary killings need to be addressed and accountability needs to be ensured. Only this way, victims and survivors as well as their families and loved ones will be provided justice and a continuous pattern of violence can be prevented.

In context of this mandate, we particularly want to highlight the continued application of the death penalty. Liechtenstein strongly condemns capital punishment in all circumstances as it violates the non-derogable prohibition on torture, cruel, inhuman and

degrading treatment, and the right to life. We strongly call upon States who have not yet done so to abolish this practice.

Liechtenstein would like to thank the previous Special Rapporteur for the important work she has done in her role as Special Rapporteur and wish her all the best for the future. Furthermore, we would like to welcome Mr. Tidball-Binz in his new position and reassure him of our continued support for the mandate.

I thank you.