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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you Madam President,

I have the honor of delivering this statement on behalf of the Core Group on Casualty Recording.

We thank the High Commissioner for her oral update on the extent of casualties in the Syrian Arab Republic. Our Group has consistently reiterated that casualty recording in situations of armed violence and conflict upholds fundamental human values by endeavoring to produce a comprehensive and detailed record of every person killed and the circumstances of their death.

Among armed conflicts, the war in Syria has been one of the deadliest with several hundreds of thousands civilians killed and around 100'000 still missing. Casualty records

recognize the value of every individual human life and the unique loss which each death represents, thus recognizing the inherent dignity of every person affected, their right to life, and family's or survivor's right to truth and accountability.

The work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on conflict-related casualties in Syria is of crucial importance to show different levels of violence, conflict hotspots at different times, circumstances of deaths, actors involved, weapons used and further information that can be used for accountability, memorialization, remedies, and policy decisions.

We understand that this is only a basis for further work and analysis and would like to express our strong support for the continuation of the OHCHR's work in this regard.

I thank you.