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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the acting High Commissioner for Human Rights for her oral update on Ukraine.

We strongly condemn the illegal and illegitimate referenda held by the Russian Federation in the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhya regions of Ukraine.

These referendums were held during an armed conflict and under intense political pressure and do not provide a legitimate basis for annexing territories of Ukraine. Russia should immediately refrain from any processes of annexation, as this violates not only the principles of the UN Charter, but more generally the universal human rights-based order.

These illegal attempts to annex various regions of Ukraine have no legal consequences and do not establish any legitimate claim to any regions in Ukraine. The international community must collectively condemn this act of attempted usurpation.

Russia's current actions show no willingness to engage in true dialogue, only a willingness to commit more human rights violations, and are further evidence of its complete rejection of universal values of peace and security.

To conclude, let me reiterate that Liechtenstein fully recognizes the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Ukraine.

I thank you, Mister President.