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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the High Commissioner for the presentation of the annual report of the OHCHR.

The Office of the High Commissioner continues to carry out important work regarding the promotion and protection of all human rights globally. The report highlights a wide range of activities and examples of the valuable engagement by the OHCHR, but also shows the many challenges that still remain.

In particular, I would like to reiterate our concern over the underfunding of the UN's human rights pillar. While we are proud that Liechtenstein is mentioned in the report as the largest per capita donor of voluntary contributions, we also stress the importance of increasing the funding through the UN's regular budget.

Mister President,

The 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* offers us all a valuable opportunity to recommit to and advance human rights. Active engagement with the UN human rights system is a key aspect of this commitment.

Finally, I would like to reaffirm our strong support for the High Commissioner and his Office.

I thank you, Mister President.