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Thank you, Mister Vice-President,

The argument that LGBT persons present a threat to traditional family or cultural or religious values is often used by religious or belief leaders actively fuelling disinformation or intolerance against LGBT persons. This incites violence and hatred, which may amount to hate crimes, torture or ill-treatment, or even killings.

Regardless of whether perpetrators are State- or non-State actors, States must ensure that violence against LGBT persons is prevented, fully investigate it when it occurs, and prosecute and punish the perpetrators.

Yet, it is often the States themselves that undermine the equal rights of LGBT persons, as we have seen with recent pushbacks and criminalization of same sex relationships or consensual sexual intercourse. Liechtenstein strongly condemns any form of discrimination and violence targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and gender-diverse individuals.

Mister Vice-President,

I would like to use the opportunity to thank the outgoing Independent Expert, Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz, for his engagement and valuable work in the past six years.

I thank you, Mister Vice-President.