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Experts on Ethiopia

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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Commission of Experts for its report and its important work towards accountability.

We are very worried about the findings of the report, including the mass killings of civilians, the sexual and gender-based violence as well as the ethnic component of the conflict.

We are also concerned about the continued presence of Eritrean forces in Ethiopia and their involvement in some of the most serious human rights violations, such as killing, rape, and the indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas.

The blocking of humanitarian access by various parties has led to a medical emergency and acute food insecurity, in some cases leading to the starvation of civilians in the area. It is urgently necessary to ensure that humanitarian actors have unhindered access to people in need.

We stress the importance of not prematurely ending the Commission's mandate. It is paramount that the systematic and gruesome human rights violation continue to be investigated.

I thank you, Mister President.