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Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur on the situation in Afghanistan for his presentation.

We continue to be very worried about the human rights situation in Afghanistan which continues to take turns to the worse, in particular for women, children, minorities and anyone who is in dissent with the Taliban.

The recently implemented dress code for women and the arbitrary and unpredictable enforcement of rules and punishment lead to further restriction of civic space with a devastating impact on women and girls who are already excluded from large parts of public life.

The high prevalence of gender-based violence and violence against children is appalling, as is the fact that there are no judicial means to receive effective remedy for the victims and survivors of these crimes.

It is evident that human rights violations of such a scale demand an independent and impartial international investigation. The perpetrators need to be held to account for the most serious of these crimes, and we, the international community, have a crucial role to play in this regard.

I thank you, Mister President.