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### **Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and with the Working Group on discrimination against women 17 June 2016**

#### **Intervention by Mr. Claudio Nardi First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Mr. President, distinguished Special Rapporteur and members of the Working Group, Strengthening and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and in particular women's rights is a key priority within Liechtenstein's foreign policy. We thank both the Special Rapporteur as well as the Working Group for their comprehensive reports and assure both of them our support.

Mr. President,  
Violence against women is the single most prevalent human rights violation around the globe and slows down development. It is often strategically used as a tactic of war. For countless women and girls all over the world, violence is the greatest obstacle to full and effective equality. We must be united in our determination to put an end to this global scourge and we must use all the levers we have.

For the first time, a global gendered framework for development has been adopted that is inclusive. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda provides a significant opportunity to accelerate progress in eliminating violence against women everywhere. Unfortunately, in the latest report, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women observed a lack of a holistic and comprehensive approach to combat and prevent violence against women. How does the Special Rapporteur on violence against women intend to promote synergies among existing international and regional instruments, with the purpose of measuring and implementing SDG 5 in general and target 5.2 in particular?

I thank you!