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**High-Level Panel Discussion:
Human Rights Situation in Syrian Arab Republic
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Mr. President,

We thank all panelists today for their valuable contributions and for once again outlining the gravity of the human rights situation in Syria. The Syrian voices, which we heard today, show that we urgently need to make sure that meaningful action is taken to end the mass atrocities and ensure accountability for them. To this end, Liechtenstein proudly spearheaded the creation of the General Assembly's Accountability Mechanism for Syria last December. This would not have been possible without the help of many of our panelists today. Liechtenstein continues to work towards the swift operationalization of the Mechanism and we encourage all States to act upon the Secretary-General's call to contribute to the US\$13 million annual budget. Striving for the broadest possible donor base also helps to underline the impartial nature of the Mechanism and all contributions are important in this regard. We look forward

to the Mechanism and the Commission of Inquiry cooperating closely while maintaining the complementary nature of their mandates and we are encouraged by the statements of the Commission of Inquiry to this end.

How should we all, including civil society, best join forces to bring those responsible for the most serious crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since 2011 to account?

I thank you!