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### **Annual Discussion on Integration of a Gender Perspective**

Intervention by Mr. Claudio Nardi

First Secretary, Permanent Representation of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Mr. President,

Our traditional annual discussion is an important opportunity to take stock and discuss strategies on how to overcome gender inequalities. With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development we have a far-reaching collective agreement and a comprehensive framework at our disposal to achieve universal gender equality. Gender commitments are of no value without accountability and Liechtenstein encourages systematic monitoring of the implementation of these commitments, not only through the High-Level Political Forum, but also in the UN system and at the national level. Liechtenstein welcomes the Secretary-General's commitment to gender parity at the UN. He deserves our full political support in that effort.

The Universal Periodic Review provides us with another important opportunity to empower women and girls. It is indeed a building block to achieve the SDGs in general and gender equality in particular. Since the first UPR cycle, Liechtenstein has elaborated a UPR recommendation strategy which allows us to focus our recommendations on strengthening women's and children's rights. For the third cycle our strategy remains unchanged, while we will closely monitor the implementation of our past gender equality recommendations.

*How do the Panelists suggest fostering a cycle of information between the UPR and the HLPF to mutually strengthen these complementary mechanisms?*

I thank you!