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**Interactive Dialogue with
the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi
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Mr. President,

Liechtenstein reiterates its full support of the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi and congratulates the European Union for their leadership role in renewing the Commission's mandate.

We are appalled by the gravity and scale of human right violations and abuses committed in Burundi since April 2015. The Commission plays a crucial role in documenting these atrocities and identifying perpetrators with a view to ensuring full accountability. Given the situation on the ground, the decision of Burundi to withdraw from the Rome Statute is alarming at a time when a clear signal against impunity would be needed to end the violence. It is important to note that the ICC will have jurisdiction over all Rome Statute crimes that are committed in Burundi before October 2017, the date its withdrawal from the Rome Statute

takes legal effect. We therefore commend the Commission's call to the ICC, to open an investigation into crimes against humanity committed in Burundi as soon as possible.

Mr. President,

Preventing the spiral of violence and ensuring accountability are also responsibilities of the Security Council. 114 States, including a majority of Security Council members, are signatories to the ACT Code of Conduct on Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes and have pledged to act timely and decisively to prevent or end the commission of such crimes. We call on the Security Council to take due note of the Commission's report, as a solid basis for a decision in accordance with the Code. How does the Commission envisage its engagement with relevant international bodies, including the Security Council and its members, on the findings of the report?

I thank you!