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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for the submission and presentation of his report on AI and privacy, and children's privacy as well as the remaining country specific reports. As a member of the core group that initiated the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Liechtenstein attaches utmost importance to the right to privacy.

Technological advancements, like AI solutions, offer benefits but also have the ability to impact people's lives in various ways, some of which infringe upon their human rights. We therefore consider it important to address the development and regulation of new technological solutions with a human rights based approach, to ensure that the right to privacy and other human rights are effectively protected.

Madam President,

We have taken note of the discussions with regard to the delay in the submission of country reports by the Special Rapporteur. Reports of Special Rapporteurs on their

country visits contribute to the overall promotion and protection of human rights, in this case the right to privacy. We regret that the Special Rapporteur has not met the expectation of the international community in this regard. We furthermore regret that the delay in the submission of the reports has contributed to causing a broader discussion on the activities of Special Procedure Mandate holders and we want to reiterate our strong support for the Special Procedures system.

I thank you.