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### Enhanced Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner oral update on the situation of human rights in the Tigray region of Ethiopia

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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 High Commissioner for her oral update on the situation of human rights in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

We remain concerned over the human rights and humanitarian situation in Tigray and reiterate our strong call for thorough, impartial and independent investigations into all allegations of serious violations and abuses of human rights law as well as violations of humanitarian law, including abductions, extrajudicial killings and executions of civilians, arbitrary and *incommunicado* detention, widespread looting and pillage, sexual violence and attacks on humanitarian workers. In this regard, we welcome the investigative efforts of the Ethiopian government jointly with the OHCHR and call on the High Commissioner for a timely release of the joint investigation's report.

Liechtenstein calls on Ethiopia to end all communications and internet shutdowns put in place which severely infringe upon the human rights of the affected population and threaten their safety. It is further of vital importance to grant immediate, full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access to Tigray and other regions affected by the conflict. The protection of civilians needs to be prioritised and both, human rights and international humanitarian law, need to be upheld.

I thank you.