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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 Human Rights for her comprehensive oral update yesterday.

We share the concerns over the deteriorating human rights situation in many countries the High Commissioner has highlighted and we particularly want to underline the importance of accountability for all forms of human rights violations and abuses, both, to prevent impunity and the recurrence of violations, but also to provide justice to victims and survivors.

Liechtenstein is particularly concerned about the rapid deterioration of the human rights situation in Afghanistan and we reiterate our expression of support for the Afghan people. We are worried about the credible allegations of killings and arbitrary detention, including of former Government and administration officials.

It is shocking to hear about the progressive exclusion of women from the public sphere, despite the Taliban's promise to uphold women's rights.

Madam High Commissioner,

We have heard your strong words on the impact of environmental and climate change on human rights. The Human Rights Council must put a stronger focus on what you called the human rights imperative of the environmental crisis. We welcome the deepened partnership between your Office and the UN Environment Programme and are looking forward to seeing tangible results soon.

Finally, I would like to ensure you of our continued support for your work and the work of your Office.

I thank you.