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### Interactive Dialogue with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic

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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 *Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic* for the presentation of its report and for its indispensable work.

We reiterate our strong concern over the horrific reports of human rights violations and the dire humanitarian situation in the country. The large-scale violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, including attacks on civilians and civilian objects, killings, torture, sexual violence as well as arbitrary and *incommunicado* detentions of so many, need to immediately be put to an end. The families and loved ones of victims have a right to be reunited with the missing and, at the very least, to learn of the victims' fate.

Accountability for the long list of crimes, including the most serious crimes under international law, furthermore needs to be ensured. In this regard, we strongly support

the *International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism* and we reiterate our call on the Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court.

Madam President,

Compiling systematic documentation and investigation of all casualties of the conflict is important and we welcome the Commissions' cooperation with independent casualty recording initiatives. We greatly regret that the Syrian authorities do not cooperate with the Commission of Inquiry.

I would like to conclude by assuring the Commission of our continued strong support for their important work.

I thank you.