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Statement at the 33rd Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the Situation in Ethiopia

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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President.

We thank the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights for her update on the situation in Ethiopia. Liechtenstein has supported the call for this Special Session because we share the concerns over the dire and unfolding humanitarian and human rights situation in the country.

The report of the Joint Investigation Team concluded that all parties to the conflict have committed serious violations and abuses of international human rights and humanitarian law, including indiscriminate attacks against civilians, extrajudicial killings, as well as sexual and gender-based violence to only name a few. It is of utmost importance that the recommendations outlined in the report are implemented by the parties.

In this regard, we welcome the steps taken by the Government of Ethiopia to set up a task-force to implement the recommendations but also stress the importance of credible results. We furthermore welcome the mediation efforts by the African Union.

We call on all parties to the conflict to respect their obligations under international law and to allow immediate, unhindered access for humanitarian aid in order to help the almost 10 million people in urgent need of this aid.

Finally, we would like to express our support for efforts to investigate serious violations and abuses of international law in Ethiopia and to hold perpetrators of these violations accountable.

I thank you.

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