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## **Statement at the 49th Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy**

**10 March 2022**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister Vice-President,

Liechtenstein welcomes Dr. Ana Brian Nougères in her new position as the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy and thanks her for her report. As a member of the core group that has established this mandate, we look forward to a constructive cooperation.

We are aware of the opportunities offered by new technologies in communication, but we are also mindful of the major challenges and risks they bring along. Through the misuse of new technologies, infringements of the right to privacy can easily happen with far-reaching consequences.

The rapid pace of technological development enables individuals all over the world to use information and communication technology, and at the same time enhances the capacity of Governments, business enterprises and individuals to undertake surveillance, interception, hacking, and data collection. Therefore, regulations in accordance with international human rights standards are important to ensure the right to privacy.

Mister Vice-President,

We would be interested to hear from the Special Rapporteur how she intends to engage international tech companies and social media platforms in the discussion on the promotion and protection of the right to privacy.

I thank you.