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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein would like to thank the Fact-Finding Mission on Libya for their report.

We commend the efforts by the Libyan authorities to engage constructively with the Mission and to grant it unhindered access to many parts of the country.

However, we continue to stress the importance of effectively investigating all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law that have taken place since 2016.

Reports continuously emerge about murder, torture, rape and enforced disappearances in places of detention. Moreover, direct and indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian objects have been reported as well as a high prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence. In this regard, Libya should strengthen its national legal framework for the better protection of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

As the Mission already outlined in their report in March, accountability and the rule of law are fundamental to transition to peace, stability and democracy. Ensuring accountability, along with a better protection of the gradually shrinking civic space, will provide a stable foundation for the future protection of all human rights.

To conclude, Liechtenstein would like to reiterate its strong support for the Fact-Finding Mission on Libya and for the extension of the mandate for one year in order to allow for the Mission to have sufficient time to fulfil its mandate.

I thank you, Mister President.