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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur for their respective statements. My delegation has supported the call for this special session because we share the concerns over the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran.

We stand with the people of Iran who demand respect of their human rights and we condemn in the strongest terms possible the violent crackdown of peaceful protests by Iranian security forces that has so far resulted in the death of hundreds and in the arrest of thousands of protesters. We are appalled by the death sentences for protesters and recall that the death penalty, where not yet abolished, should only be used in relation to the most serious crimes and should under no circumstances be used as a repressive tool to oppress peaceful protests.

Unfortunately, this violent crackdown occurs in the broader context of structural impunity for human rights violations in Iran.

We call for a prompt, thorough and independent investigation into all alleged human rights violations in view of preventing impunity, ensuring justice and accountability and call on the Iranian authorities to constructively cooperate with the Special Rapporteur and the Fact-Finding Mission.

I thank you, Mister President.