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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report. As a member of the core group of the resolution on the right to privacy in the digital age, my delegation attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of the right to privacy.

We note the observation in the report that there are open questions with respect to the large amounts of health data of individuals that have been collected in the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and share the Special Rapporteur's call for the respect of the underlying principles of the right to privacy in the handling and processing of these data.

We stress the importance of adequate legal safeguards with regard to the right to privacy when handling the increasing amount of data being collected. In this respect, Liechtenstein's Government has recently approved the ratification of the *Amending Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data*. The Parliament will decide on the ratification in its upcoming session this Spring.

I thank you, Mister President.