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Intervention by Mr. Claudio Nardi
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Mr. President,

Liechtenstein is pleased to co-sponsor resolution L.15 on violence against women and commends Canada for its outstanding leadership role. We welcome the resolution's focus on engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls. In order to break the cycle of violence, it is of critical importance to prevent all forms of violence against woman and girls, including domestic violence. It is therefore of critical importance that the mandated report reviews also best practices to prevent intergenerational cycles of violence which often emanate from the private spheres. The proposed amendments to the resolution are of great concern to us. They, inter alia, intend to undermine the protection of human rights defenders and hinder their active participation with the Council. We welcome the rejection of these amendments and reiterate the importance of the active participation of civil society in the Council's work.

Liechtenstein is pleased to co-sponsor L.34 on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights. We are actively engaged in the effective implementation and monitoring of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and assign a substantive part of our international development cooperation efforts to capacity building for the fight against corruption and to the return of corrupt assets. We welcome that the resolution has been brought in line with UNCAC's provisions on the return of corrupt assets and hope that the mandated workshop with relevant UN entities will be a success.

Liechtenstein is a co-sponsor of resolution L.9 on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic. We commend the core group for referencing the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011. We welcome that the resolution stresses the complementary nature of the Mechanism of that of the Commission of Inquiry and we are particularly encouraged by the Commission's readiness to fully cooperate with the Mechanism. Since we are nearing the operationalization of the Mechanism, it is of utmost importance that its operations are fully funded and that not only the COI but also states and civil society cooperate proactively with it.

I thank you!