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### Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar

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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger,  
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the *Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar* for his oral progress report and for his indispensable work.

We are deeply concerned to hear of the further deterioration of the already dire human rights situation in Myanmar. Liechtenstein condemns in the strongest terms the military coup of February 1<sup>st</sup> and the following crackdown on peaceful protesters asking for the restoration of democracy.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the work of human rights defenders and journalists in every society. Their work is indispensable for the direly needed restoration of human rights and accountability in Myanmar. The harassment of as well as threats, and attacks against human rights defenders, activists, journalists, health service workers and

other members of the civil society are unacceptable and need to be put to an immediate end. In addition, all violations and abuses of human rights must be investigated in an independent, impartial and transparent manner, in order to bridge the accountability gap and to provide justice to victims and survivors.

Liechtenstein reiterates its strong call on the military leaders in Myanmar to release without further ado, all those arbitrarily detained and to take effective steps to establish a safe and enabling environment for civil society and the independent media to conduct their work. Full cooperation with the United Nations and its mechanisms, including the granting of unhindered access to the country, are of utmost importance.

I thank you.