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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan
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**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger
Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of his report. We continue to be deeply worried by the human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular for women and girls.

We are particularly appalled by the banning of women and girls from schools and universities, from access to facilities like parks, gyms and public baths as well as from working for NGOs. The sharp increase in reported rapes and femicides is equally of great concern and unfortunately just the tip of an iceberg as many cases are not reported.

We urge the Taliban to uphold human rights, including the rights of women and girls, the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association as well as the right to a fair trial, and to implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur in his report.

Ensuring accountability for the gross human rights violations committed in Afghanistan is a prerequisite for peace and development. In this respect, we welcome the decision adopted on 31 October 2022 by the second Pre-Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court authorizing the Prosecutor to resume the investigation of international crimes in Afghanistan. Liechtenstein would also be ready to support the establishment of an investigate mechanism by this Council into the situation in Afghanistan.

I thank you.

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