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## **Statement at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 4 – Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Islamic Republic of Iran**

**20 March 2023**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of his report.

We continue to be profoundly worried by the violent response by the Iranian security forces to the peaceful protests that followed the killing of Jina Mahsa Amini in police custody. As we learned from the Report, the systematic violent response by the security forces has reportedly led to the deaths of at least 476 persons while hundreds of protesters have been severely injured and thousands have been arrested and detained.

We share the Special Rapporteur's concern over the continuing violence against women and girls, including cases of killings, the fierce repression of ethnic and religious minorities as well as the repression and targeting of civil society activists and human rights defenders. We strongly condemn the apparent lack of political will to tackle the structural impunity for the perpetrators of these violations.

Moreover, we deplore the use of the death penalty against peaceful protesters who have been exercising their rights and fundamental freedoms.

We call on Iran to fully implement the recommendations made in the report of the Special Rapporteur.

I thank you.