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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are meeting today at crunch time – in the last quarter of the United Nations’ centennial, and entering the second half to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. The Summit of the Future will be the key event of the United Nations in the years to come: It offers the unique opportunity to recommit to the United Nations Charter and to enable the organization in a way to respond effectively to the ever more complex and interrelated global challenges, from climate change and natural disasters to global food insecurity and public health and humanitarian crises. And most importantly, it has to reconfirm the role of the UN as the most successful peace project in human history.

Excellencies,

The New Agenda for Peace requires our particular focus. The number of armed conflicts worldwide is at its highest since 1945 and the blatant aggression against one of the UN’s founding members by one of the permanent members of its Security Council raise fundamental questions concerning the UN’s ability to play its role on peace and security. The New Agenda’s focus needs to be on prevention of conflicts and their devastating consequence for both people and planet. It must prioritize peaceful means and diplomacy for conflict resolution and sustainable peace, while ensuring accountability and justice for violations of international law. A holistic concept of security, that goes beyond a military notion and recognizes all threats to human security, such as climate change, must be our point of departure. If the Security Council is paralyzed in ensuring peace and security, effective alternatives need to be found. The suggestion in the recently published report of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism – that threats to international security should immediately be placed before the General Assembly for action if the Council cannot or will not act on the matter – therefore requires our consideration and follow up. The Veto Initiative has been a first important step in this regard.

Promoting the rule of law must be a high priority. Growing inequality, widespread corruption, limited access to justice and the increase of military coups illustrate the need to strengthen democracy and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, as also envisioned in SDG 16. Effective rule of law and good governance are preconditions for the achievement of all other SDGs, and ultimately determine the success of the 2030 Agenda which must feature prominently during and beyond the Summit of the Future.

Excellencies,

Liechtenstein supports the ongoing processes leading up to the Summit and thanks Germany and Namibia for their valuable guidance in defining its scope and modalities and others States for their leadership of the work tracks. For the success of the Summit, which includes the quality of its outcome documents, it is essential that all Member States can actively participate, especially small Member States which make up the majority of the UN membership. Effective multilateralism requires the contributions of all, and we look forward to a landmark Summit with meaningful outcomes to ensure a peaceful and prosperous future for our people and planet.

I thank you.