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Thank you, Mister Vice-President,

We thank the High Commissioner, the Special Rapporteur as well as the other panelists for their respective contributions.

Liechtenstein remains deeply concerned about the continuously deteriorating human rights situation in Afghanistan, particularly for women and girls. Recent laws restricted the rights of women and girls even further and any dissent to the oppressive rule of the Taliban is consequently silenced.

We urge the *de facto authorities* to honor their commitments to respect and protect human rights, particularly those of women and girls, and to immediately reverse all legislation and policies that curtail these rights.

To achieve long-term sustainable peace, development, and reconciliation in Afghanistan, it is essential to prevent further violations and hold perpetrators accountable. We stress the importance of credible, transparent, prompt, thorough, effective, and independent investigations into the most serious human rights violations in Afghanistan.

We continue to be of the view that this Council should contribute to these efforts by mandating an independent investigative mechanism to collect evidence and to investigate crimes under international law committed in Afghanistan.

I thank you, Mister Vice-President.