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## **Statement at the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

### **Agenda item 4: Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioners report on the Human rights situation in Myanmar**

**23 September 2024**

**H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the High Commissioner for his report.

Liechtenstein continues to be deeply concerned about the human rights and humanitarian situation in Myanmar. The reported substantial escalation of the conflict with more frequent and brutal attacks resulting in civilian casualties especially due to airstrikes and artillery attacks by the military, is alarming.

Equally concerning is the ongoing pattern of arbitrary arrests and detention. Both reportedly fueled due to military reprisals. Many individuals, including political dissidents and ordinary citizens, are subjected to unlawful detentions without due process, often facing torture, ill-treatment and inhumane conditions.

The lack of accountability for these violations further exacerbates the climate of fear and impunity in Myanmar.

The mental health impact of this violence and repression is profound. The report emphasizes the significant psychological trauma experienced by those affected, which will have long-lasting effects on individuals and communities.

It is imperative to ensure the availability of access to humanitarian assistance and health services including psychological support.

We fully support the High Commissioner's call for accountability and reiterate our strong support for the *Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar* as well as for ongoing proceedings at the *International Court of Justice* and the *International Criminal Court*.

I thank you, Mister President.