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Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report.

Liechtenstein shares the concerns about the dire human rights situation in Eritrea and the continued non-cooperation of the country with international and regional human rights mechanisms, including his mandate.

We urgently call on the Government of Eritrea to immediately end violations and implement the recommendations made in the report, including the discontinuation of the indefinite military service that continues to be one of the main sources of human rights violations in the country.

We also deplore the continued suppression of civic space as well as the restriction of freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly, by the Eritrean government.

Moreover, we are concerned that enforced disappearances often are not investigated by the authorities, leaving families without information about their loved ones and obstructing efforts to establish the truth.

Special Rapporteur, what can the international community do to support transparency efforts such as casualty recording mechanisms and forensic investigations including into the fate of conscripts involved in the Tigray conflict, in order to provide closure for those families affected?

I thank you, Mister President.