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ITEM 5 - ILLEGAL ISRAELI ACTIONS IN OCCUPIED EAST JERUSALEM AND THE REST OF THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

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Mr. President,

Liechtenstein appreciates this opportunity for the Assembly to meet today in Emergency Special Session, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 76/262, to discuss the veto cast in the Security Council on 20 November and the situation in the Middle East as a whole. Liechtenstein thanks the Elected 10 Security Council members for their continued efforts in bringing about a solution to the conflict in Gaza and presenting a resolution demanding yet again an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire to be respected by all parties as well as the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. With the strong support of the majority of the Council, namely 14 Members, the use of the veto by the United States has been particularly appalling.

We are grateful that the General Assembly is stepping in once again, as it has done so since October 7th and before on several occasions on this situation, and will consider draft proposals to address the devastating humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the region. In this regard we reiterate our call on all parties to fully abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law, including the principles of military necessity, precaution and proportionality, as well as the protection of civilians. And we urge Israel to grant access to humanitarian organizations to provide the necessary emergency relief for civilians in Gaza.

Any violation of such obligations under international law must be prosecuted. In this respect, Liechtenstein has taken note of the decision of the pre-trial chamber of the International Criminal Court to issue arrest warrants upon the request from the Chief Prosecutor, in connection with the Court's investigation in Palestine. Liechtenstein is a long-standing and consistent supporter of the ICC and the independence and integrity of its work and a strong advocate for the consistent application of international law. It is committed to fulfil its cooperation obligations under the Rome Statute. Liechtenstein will continue standing up together with like-minded States to defend the Court from political attacks and against efforts to undermine its integrity and independence.

Mr. President,

As the vetoed resolution underscored, UNRWA remains the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza. Liechtenstein is extremely concerned about the bills adopted by the Knesset prohibiting cooperation with UNRWA and aiming at drastically restricting its operations, including

in East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. These laws are incompatible with Israel's obligations under international law and set a dangerous precedent for the multilateral system. We welcome the press statement by the Security Council in support of UNRWA from 30 October. We must work towards keeping UNRWA operational, by ensuring both its funding and its access to the people we have mandated it to serve. Liechtenstein will work with partners towards this end. UNRWA's role in the region is indispensable.

I thank you.