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**Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic**

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Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt,  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Mr. President,

Liechtenstein welcomes the ongoing work of the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. We commend the members of the Commission for their outstanding commitment to promote accountability in Syria.

In your reports dated 2 February and 10 March, you call upon on the international community to promote efforts to ensure accountability, including by actively supporting the establishment of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 [IIIM], in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/248. We reiterate this call for support and coop-

eration. We are particularly encouraged by the Commission's readiness to fully cooperate with the Mechanism, once it is operational, and we look forward to the Mechanism building on the important information documented by the Commission.

Civil society organizations, in particular Syrian NGOs, are the forefront when it comes to collecting information and evidence about the atrocity crimes committed in the country. How do you cooperate with these organizations and what are the lessons-learnt from your engagement? Given that the Mechanism is currently in the process of being set-up in Geneva, how do you plan to cooperate with the Mechanism, in particular when it comes to sharing information?

I thank you!