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### **Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Human Rights in South Sudan**

**09 March 2020**

Intervention by Mr. Daniel Batliner,  
Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Commission of Human Rights in South Sudan for the presentation of its report.

We welcome the recent positive steps taken by the major parties to the conflict in South Sudan to come together and form a Transitional Government of National Unity. This is an important step towards peace and transitional justice.

However, we continue to be concerned about the on-going violence in the country, including wide-spread sexual and gender-based violence, the forced recruitment of men and boys, the systematic denial of fundamental rights and freedoms, including threats and reprisals against journalists, activists, human rights defenders, and political dissidents.

Furthermore, we are concerned about more than half of the civilian population, mainly women and children, facing acute food insecurity and the 1.4 million internally displaced people. We urge the newly formed Transitional Government of National Unity to take

measures to immediately address these shortcomings and ensure accountability for violations and abuses of international, human rights, and humanitarian law.

Having said this, Liechtenstein welcomes the cooperation of the newly formed transitional government with the international community but also stresses the need to continuously address the situation in South Sudan under item 4 and urges the transitional government to continue to cooperate.

We reiterate our full support for the mandate of the Commission of Human Rights in South Sudan.

Thank you.