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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

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

Thank you, Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report addressing the issue of targeted killings through armed drones.

We understand and share the concerns of the Special Rapporteur about the absence of public discussion on ethics, legality, and effectiveness of the decapitation strategy at the heart of drones targeted killings.

We have read with particular interest the recommendations by the Special Rapporteur to establish a transparent multilateral process for the development of robust standards in the use of drones, since we see the link between the lawfulness of strikes and killings and international human rights and international humanitarian law.

The development of such standards by a group of like-minded States could be an alternative approach to address this issue and ensure accountability for the misuse of armed drones under the principles and provisions of international law.

Madam President,

We would like to ask Ms. Callamard how she foresees a possible way forward with the establishment of such international standards in the use of drones.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate our strong and continued support for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur.

I thank you.