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

Thank you Madam President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for its first report on the human rights situation in Venezuela.

The Fact-Finding Mission has found a broad range of human rights violations committed in Venezuela since 2014, among others extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, torture, rape, other forms of sexual violence and other inhumane or degrading treatment. Sadly, the list goes on. To a large extent these reported human rights violations were committed by state actors.

We are concerned that not only basic democratic rights were severely violated but also that an environment of impunity was actively fostered, inter alia within military, police and security forces.

Madam President,

We urge the Government of Venezuela to follow up on the recommendations listed in the report. Immediate, impartial and transparent investigations into all human rights violations and abuses are a prerequisite for ensuring accountability.

We furthermore call upon the Government of Venezuela to fully cooperate with the Fact-Finding Mission, including by granting full and unhindered access to the country, as well as with the on-going examination by the International Criminal Court.

Thank you.