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**Statement at the 30th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the
grave human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,
including East Jerusalem**

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**by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger, Permanent Representative of the
Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you Madam President,

Liechtenstein is gravely concerned about the recent escalation of violence and grave violations of international law in the occupied Palestinian territory, in particular in and around Gaza, as well as in Israel.

We welcome the ceasefire agreement and call on all actors to fully adhere to it.

Liechtenstein stresses the need for all actors to demonstrate respect for international law, in particular international human rights and humanitarian law and its principles of military necessity and proportionality. International humanitarian law, including the basic principles for the protection of civilians, must be safeguarded at all times and there must be accountability for their violation.

In this respect, we take note of the statement issued by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on 3 March 2021.

The situation is characterized by a deep and long-lasting human rights crisis that needs to be urgently addressed. In particular the human rights to life, education, health, property and political participation must be fully guaranteed, in line with relevant standards and obligations under international law.

Liechtenstein reiterates its position that a two-state solution based on applicable international law, in particular international humanitarian law and relevant Security Council resolutions, remains the only viable pathway to a peaceful, stable and secure Middle East and we condemn any attempts to undermine a peaceful and sustainable solution.

I thank you, Madam President.