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Urgent Debate on the Situation of Human Rights in Ukraine

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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein condemns the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine in the strongest terms. We stand in solidarity with the Government and the people of Ukraine.

We are greatly concerned about the rapid escalation of the armed conflict by the Russian armed forces, the shelling of civilian targets and the use of prohibited weaponry, resulting in large numbers of civilian casualties, as well as multiple launch rocket systems and air strikes in densely populated areas. We urge for the full respect of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. We are particularly alarmed about the precarious situation of the civilian population and the humanitarian crisis unfolding as

a result of the Russian aggression. The Liechtenstein Government has decided swiftly to make a significant first contribution to help address the most urgent humanitarian needs.

We underline the need to prevent impunity and ensure accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law. In this respect, we welcome the Statement by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court announcing his intention to open an investigation into the situation in Ukraine as rapidly as possible and have joined other States in referring the situation to the Court, in order to expedite its urgently needed action.

We call on the Members of this Council to support the draft resolution on the Situation of Human Rights in Ukraine stemming from Russian aggression which mandates a Commission of Inquiry to monitor and investigate the situation in Ukraine which we have co-sponsored. We hope that this Council will thus be able to complement the strong resolution adopted yesterday by the UN General Assembly with overwhelming majority.

I thank you.