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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein would like to thank the *Commission of Inquiry* for their oral update on the human rights situation in Syria.

In over a decade of war, countless lives have been lost and countless human rights violations and abuses have been committed. In addition to the more than 350'000 individuals killed in the conflict in Syria since 2011, at least another 100,000 people have disappeared or gone missing during this period.

We echo the Commission's call to strengthen international mechanisms on casualty recording to inform loved ones about the victim's fate and to alleviate their suffering. Particularly in Syria, family members who search for their loved ones on their own face the risk of arrest, extortion, and abuse, thus underscoring the need for an international mechanism.

Enforced disappearances, as well as other human rights violations such as killings, torture, sexual violence, and arbitrary detention, should be thoroughly and impartially investigated to ensure accountability.

We continue to strongly support *the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism* and we reiterate our request for the Security Council to refer the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic to the International Criminal Court.

To conclude, we would like to assure the *Commission of Inquiry* of our continued support for their valuable work.

I thank you, Mister President.