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H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its report.

We remain concerned about the human rights situation in Venezuela, including the abuse of power by law enforcement and national intelligence services to commit crimes against humanity, including torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, including sexual- and gender-based violence.

Other serious violations, such as extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, forced labor and sexual exploitation, among others, have also been reported and should be thoroughly investigated.

Victims and survivors of torture and other crimes often sustain serious and permanent physical injuries as well as severe psychological trauma.

We are concerned by the continued lack of accountability for these violations and crimes, since the legal and institutional reforms of the judicial system undertaken do not address these serious deficiencies. Fair trials cannot be expected and those who continue to speak out against the crimes face persecution, intimidation and arbitrary detention.

Liechtenstein strongly supports the extension of the Mission's mandate by two years and urges Venezuela to cooperate constructively with the Mission.

I thank you, Mister President.