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## **Statement at the 51st Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Agenda item: 10 – EID on the report of the High Commissioner on technical cooperation and capacity-building for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Philippines**

**5. October 2022**

**H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights and the other speakers for their interventions.

In 2020, the OHCHR released a report highlighting more than 8'600 cases of extrajudicial killings related to the drug campaign of security forces of the Government of the Philippines. The UN Joint Program was set up in response to these widespread and systematic killings as well as other related violations.

We are worried that, according to the latest report, so far, only half of the technical working groups under the Joint Program have been constituted and that the Program has not yet delivered tangible results for victims and survivors while the red-tagging against civil society actors and the drug related killings by police continue unabatedly.

Access to justice continue to be very limited and transparency and public scrutiny in investigative processes remain a challenge.

While regretting the recent announcement by the new Government not to rejoin the International Criminal Court, we recall the Court's ongoing investigation into the situation in the Philippines and that the Court has jurisdiction for crimes committed before 16 March 2019.

Mr. President,

We will continue to support all efforts to ensure the monitoring of the human rights situation in the Philippines to prevent impunity.

I thank you.