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CREATION OF A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL ON THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

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Dear Heads of States and Governments, Ministers, Heads of International Organizations,

Yesterday, the 8th of May, is a seminal date in world history – and for us in Europe in particular. It marks the end of the Second World War – and of years of aggression and the atrocities that flowed from it, unleashed on European soil and impacted the entire world. It also marked the beginning of the longest period of peace on the European continent in history. Not least because of the bold vision of our leaders at the time to turn crisis into progress by creating the United Nations – anchored at its core by the prohibition of the illegal use of force.

Sadly, for the last two years, this important date has felt far less celebratory. Since February 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, the world has been witnessing aggression committed in a manner we had hoped and had reason to believe was a thing of the past. The brazen aggression committed against Ukraine is also an attack on the postwar international order, grounded in the Charter of the United Nations, and as such of truly global significance. This is why Liechtenstein is committed to Ukraine's vision for justice, as expressed by President Zelensky just last week in the Hague, for holding the political and military leadership of Russia to account for the crime of aggression – on the basis of international law and the internationally agreed definition of the crime of aggression. By following Ukraine's lead on this, we will also live up to the responsibility of our own generation

to turn crisis into progress. We will make it clear that waging blatantly unlawful and colonizing wars will not go unpunished—whether in Ukraine or elsewhere.

Setting up an international tribunal for this purpose will not be easy. It requires building a broad support base – also with States who are not present here today. But, as we have seen on several occasions now in the UN General Assembly, an overwhelming majority of States want to live in a world ruled by law and not by might. Therefore, the creation of a special international tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine should be a priority for us all. *Together*, we are able to achieve this goal. Which will help forge the lasting peace that Ukraine, and the broader international community, deserves – it will deter aggressive war-making in the future.

Thank you.