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**Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein**

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Israel and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Israel

1. Ensure accountability for violations of international human rights and humanitarian law by effectively and independently investigating and prosecuting all alleged violations.

2.Take concrete steps towards ratifying the *Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence* (the Istanbul Convention).

3. Ensure human rights defenders, both Israeli and Palestinian, are able to carry out their work without undue restrictions or designations as terrorist or unlawful organizations.

4. Provide all legal and procedural safeguards of a fair trial to detainees, including the right to be informed of the reason for their arrest and detention, and access to legal counsel.

5. Resume cooperation with OHCHR, including by granting visa to OHCHR international staff to access the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

We thank you.