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LIECHTENSTEIN, AT THE TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE  
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairperson,  
Dear colleagues,

I should like to express my sincere thanks to Poland for its decisive leadership role in the OSCE this year and for its hospitality in Łódź. The genius loci – a former power plant – could not have been better chosen. Energy supply and environmental protection are pressing issues, especially in view of the brutal war in Ukraine.

Liechtenstein condemns Russia's war of aggression in the strongest terms. It constitutes a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of the OSCE, the Charter of the United Nations and the international order that has been built up over decades from the bitter experiences of the Second World War. This Russian war against Ukraine cannot be justified by any means.

There must be no impunity for the massive violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by the Russian armed forces. Among other things, Liechtenstein has supported the Moscow Mechanism in the OSCE and advocates the establishment of a special tribunal for the crime of aggression.

Last week, as part of a trip to Kyiv by eight European women politicians, I was able to get a personal impression of the scale of the suffering and the brutal consequences of the war. Women and children are particularly hard hit. Trafficking in human beings is one of the very painful consequences. With winter approaching and the Russian aggressor's widespread destruction of energy infrastructure, the humanitarian situation in Ukraine threatens to deteriorate dramatically. We have not ignored Ukraine's plea that we walk this long and difficult road together. Liechtenstein's solidarity is unbroken and will be strengthened. This support also applies to the valuable work of the OSCE in Ukraine, the newly developed OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine and the programme to combat trafficking in human beings.

Mr. Chairperson,

In the face of the aggressor's determination to defy all principles of law and humanity, the civilized world initially seems powerless. We must not conclude from this that multilateralism and the rule of law are obsolete in international relations.

Quite the contrary: together, we must do our utmost – in Europe and worldwide – to preserve, implement and strengthen our principles. This includes, in particular, upholding and expanding co-operative security.

We should give the OSCE a leading role in this. With its broad membership and its comprehensive concept of security based on the Helsinki Decalogue, it remains a unique and inclusive platform for European security issues. We are all called upon to ensure that it can function by providing it with the means to do so. This concerns the overdue agreement on the budget, the extension of the mandates of the field operations and the Chairmanship in 2024.

Other conflicts and tensions in the OSCE area also require the attention of our Organization. This includes the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. Our field operations in Central Asia and in countries of the Western Balkans continue to play an important role and this is appreciated.

Mr. Chairperson,

North Macedonia is assuming the Chairmanship of our Organization in the most challenging times. We are convinced that the OSCE will be in excellent hands in 2023 and assure North Macedonia of Liechtenstein's full support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.