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Prime Minister,  
Excellencies,  
Esteemed guests,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this years' Ambassadors' Information Day, and to address you for the first time in my new role as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Culture in this traditional format.

Liechtenstein's new Government took office in April and has firmly committed to shaping Liechtenstein's future. We are navigating a time marked by fundamental change and growing uncertainty. In such an environment, governments must do more than simply respond – they must lead. With this in mind, the Liechtenstein Government has developed its programme for 2025–2029, which the Prime Minister will present in more detail later.

We are convinced that one of the answers to uncertainty and unpredictability is stability. Stability cannot mean standing still. It needs to be paired with vision – with the courage to embrace change and develop forward-looking solutions.

So, what does stability in foreign policy mean to us? First and foremost, it means continuity and reliability. Liechtenstein will continue to pursue a value-based and principled foreign policy guided by a strong belief in international law. Liechtenstein remains

committed to openness: to free trade, to expanding our international partnerships, and to exploring innovative formats of cooperation.

The government programme clearly recognises that the role of the state is to act as a facilitator, helping to enhance competitiveness and drive innovation. 2025 has been a remarkably successful year in this regard. In the EFTA format we concluded new free trade agreements with Thailand, Kosovo, Malaysia, and Mercosur, and the agreement with India entered into force. We moreover joined the Future of Investment and Trade Partnership bringing together like-minded states in their efforts to promote an open, inclusive and rules-based international trading system.

Continuity is also shown in our clear commitment to global responsibility. Solidarity remains a core pillar of our foreign policy. In recent years, we have significantly increased our budget for international solidarity. This is our response to the record number of people in need.

Liechtenstein will also continue to play an active role in multilateral fora. Whether in Europe, through the European Economic Area and the Council of Europe, or on the global stage, through the United Nations and our membership in the Commission on the Status of Women, our engagement remains strong and consistent.

Liechtenstein may be small in size, but we are not small in ambition. The Veto Initiative has been Liechtenstein's most visible and

consequential initiative at the UN in recent years. Our efforts to strengthen the role of the UN General Assembly are clear examples of how we seek to contribute constructively to international dialogue and reform.

Reforming the United Nations is a shared responsibility. To remain credible and capable of action, the UN must adapt. The UN needs to become leaner and more effective in delivering meaningful results across its three core pillars: peace and security, human rights, and development.

Of course, securing the future is not only about stability. It is also about creating perspectives and finding sustainable solutions to the challenges we face. This requires joint efforts.

I am convinced, that we need to invest more in diplomacy. It is encouraging to witness that this approach can make a difference. The recent developments in Gaza demonstrate that a positive dynamic through diplomacy is possible – thanks to the efforts of the United States and the constructive role of countries in the region.

Liechtenstein supports a two-state solution with the State of Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security.

We need to harness this positive momentum to pave the way for a just and sustainable peace in other regions affected by war. In Ukraine, a ceasefire is an urgently needed first step. At the same time, it is in our collective interest to ensure that the Russian aggression

does not result in territorial changes. The illegal use of force must not be rewarded.

The basic rules of international law have too often been blatantly disregarded in recent years. This trend threatens the very foundations of our global order. A clear commitment to international law, and to the courts overseeing its enforcement, is one of the strongest statements we can make in support of peace and security.

Security, of course, plays a central role in our government programme as well. In today's world, domestic and international affairs are deeply interlinked. Developments beyond our borders affect our citizens and our entrepreneurs just as much as internal decisions do.

When we talk about security, we must also talk about climate protection. Climate change affects all our states, regardless of their size or location, and its impacts are becoming increasingly visible, also in the Alpine region.

The International Court of Justice has made it clear: the obligations to mitigate, adapt, and cooperate, as outlined in the Paris Agreement, are legally binding.

Liechtenstein is doing its part. We submitted a new and ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution confirming Liechtenstein's strong commitment. By 2035 Liechtenstein aims to reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions by at least 68% compared to 1990. Liechtenstein is investing significantly in climate finance. Moreover,

we are currently revising our climate adaptation strategy – putting people at the heart of our climate policy.

Yes, the challenges ahead are significant – but so is our ability to meet them. As politicians and diplomats, we have a duty to take action. Action is what matters.

You can certainly count on Liechtenstein, its new government, and me as Minister of Foreign Affairs, to do so:

- We will remain strongly committed to multilateralism and international solidarity.
- We will continue to be a strong voice for international law and its enforcement.
- And we are ready to address the challenges of our time.

Join us. Together, we can shape a more peaceful, just, and sustainable future.

Thank you.