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Mr. President,

Developments in the cyber realm require us to look at how international criminal justice aligns with 21st century challenges. In particular, having a clear understanding of how the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court applies in the cyber-context will act as an important deterrent to malicious cyber-operations and will contribute to accountability for acts of cyber-aggression. Clarity on the Rome Statute's application in the cyber context will also complement the work to prevent conflicts by the Security Council, which has had the power to refer aggression situations to the ICC for nearly two-years now. This newfound referral power provides an important enforcement mechanism for the UN Charter's prohibition on the use of force.

Liechtenstein has begun to explore the role the ICC may play in the regulation of warfare as it evolves in the 21st century by creating a Council of Advisers on the Application of the Rome Statute to Cyberwarfare. Joined by nine other ICC States Parties, we have convened this group of legal and technical experts across 2019 and 2020 to discuss the extent to which the Rome Statute's core provisions apply to cyberattacks. A final report based on the views of the experts is scheduled to be presented at the ICC Assembly of States Parties this December.

Mr. President,

Let me finish by pointing out how important it is that the UN steps up its efforts on cyber security. The Open-Ended Working Group provides an inclusive and much needed forum to that effect and we look forward to our future discussions in that framework.

I thank you.