

Universal Periodic Review of Ecuador

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ecuador headed by H.E. ...

As a candidate for membership of the Human Rights Council Ecuador pledged, *inter alia*, “to promote the adoption of the Crimes against Humanity Act and general reforms to domestic law for the purpose of incorporating the norms contained in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court”. We welcome this initiative and wish to **recommend that Ecuador fully cooperate with the ICC and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute’s obligations and definitions of crimes and principles.** Furthermore, Liechtenstein **recommends that Ecuador ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.**

Liechtenstein commends Ecuador for the inclusion of the prohibition of all forms of violence in the new Constitution. With regard to children, we note, however, the concern expressed by the CRC that corporal punishment is still not explicitly prohibited in the home and remains a culturally accepted form of discipline in the family and other settings. We therefore would like to **recommend that Ecuador introduce and enforce legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings, including in the family, schools and all places of deprivation of liberty.**

We have noted with appreciation that the Government of Ecuador is setting up a specialized body of judges to tackle violence against women and domestic violence and implementing a national plan to eradicate gender-based violence. At the same time various stakeholders express concern regarding access to justice for victims of gender-based violence. We therefore wish to **recommend that Ecuador introduce measures to facilitate women’s access to justice and to implement a victims-centred approach in criminal proceedings i.a. by supporting and assisting women in the judicial system and by training of the law enforcement personnel.**