

## Universal Periodic Review of India

24 May 2012

Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

As a candidate for membership in the Human Rights Council last year, India pledged, *inter alia*, to “*continue to support domestic and international processes that seek to advance women’s rights, gender equality and the rights of the child.*” We very much welcome this commitment. At the same time we note that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has expressed deep concern at the lack of progress achieved by India in eliminating traditional practices and provisions of personal status laws that are harmful and discriminatory to women and girls. Liechtenstein wishes to **recommend that India intensify its efforts to sensitize and train medical professionals on the criminal nature of sex selection with a view to ensuring stringent enforcement of the legal prohibition of such practice.** We also **recommend that India strictly enforce the legal provisions prohibiting harmful and discriminatory practices that violate the rights of women and girls, and that it undertake effective public education measures, including awareness-raising programmes designed to eliminate gender-based prejudices, traditional practices and provisions of personal status laws that are harmful and discriminatory to women and girls.**

Liechtenstein further **recommends that India introduce legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of children in the home and in all other settings, including as a sentence under traditional forms of justice.**