

Universal Periodic Review of the Philippines

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

As a candidate for membership of the Human Rights Council the Philippines pledged, *inter alia*, to continue *"to be a voice for vulnerable groups, especially migrants and children"*. Liechtenstein welcomes a number of initiatives in the Philippines aimed at promoting the rights of the child. At the same time, we note the concern expressed by the CRC in 2009 at the prevalence of corporal punishment against children in society, in particular in the home, as well as at the lack of legislation with regard to the status of children born out of wedlock. Liechtenstein therefore wishes to **recommend that the Philippines intensify its awareness-raising campaign on the harmful effect of corporal punishment and on the use of alternative and non-violent forms of discipline in a manner consistent with the child's dignity.**

Liechtenstein also **recommends that the Philippines enact legislation to address the status of children born out of wedlock.**

Liechtenstein commends the Philippines for the various initiatives at the local and regional level to address violence against women. In this context we note, however, that the CRC expressed concern at the increasing number of cases of domestic violence. Liechtenstein therefore **recommends that the Philippines intensify efforts in the fight against violence against women by public awareness-raising campaigns, by adequately resourcing the relevant local, regional and national initiatives and by training law enforcement personnel.**

Liechtenstein welcomes the Philippines' ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC. In this regard, Liechtenstein **recommends that the Philippines fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute, including by incorporating the definition of crimes and principles and accessing to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC).** Furthermore, Liechtenstein **recommends that the Philippines ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.**