

**Universal Periodic Review 15 – Liechtenstein**

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**Intervention by the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank mr/mrs ..... for his/her presentation on the basis of the national report here today and the extensive and clear elaboration on the human rights situation in Liechtenstein.

It is clear that Liechtenstein attaches great importance to human rights. Although the general human rights situation in Liechtenstein is very good, challenges do remain in certain areas.

One of these areas is gender discrimination. The Department for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men has been very active in this respect, and we have taken note of the integration of the Office of Equal Opportunity with the new Office of Social Affairs and Society. We expect the institute to sufficiently prioritize non-discrimination and gender equality within society.

Despite the efforts Liechtenstein undertakes to combat direct and indirect gender discrimination, women more often have a job with fewer responsibilities than men. We therefore recommend the government of Liechtenstein to further strengthen its efforts to combat gender discrimination, especially in the labour market.

Secondly, the Netherlands recommends Liechtenstein to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including by incorporating provisions to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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