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Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Principality of Liechtenstein for the presentation of the country report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia commends Liechtenstein for its commitment to the follow-up of the recommendations received in the first cycle. We perceive positively that Liechtenstein signed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communication procedure last September. At the same time, Slovakia has also taken a positive note of the appointment of the first Ombudsman for children in 2009. Noteworthy is the Liechtenstein's regular contribution to the OHCHR budget or its co-facilitation of the New York chapter of the HRC review.

Slovakia would like to present Liechtenstein the following recommendations:

1. **to enforce the principle of equality before the law with regards to immigrants living in Liechtenstein on the same footing as to its citizens.** We acknowledge Liechtenstein's recent increased efforts in the right direction, such as the establishment of the Commission on Integration Issues in 2009.
2. **to alleviate barriers pertaining to the process of applying for family reunifications,**
3. **to pursue appropriate, efficient policies, including awareness-raising campaigns, to eliminate discriminatory gender stereotypes,**
4. **and last but no least, to establish mechanisms for the identification of victims of trafficking and their protection.**

I thank you, Mr. President.