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Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Liechtenstein and thank for their insightful presentation of their national report.

We encourage the Liechtenstein authorities to continue their efforts on combating intolerance and xenophobia, particularly against Muslim communities.

In this regard, we welcome the Liechtenstein Government's adoption of the plan of measures against right-wing extremism, for the years 2010-2015. The foundation of the Specialist Office against Right-Wing Extremism in the year 2010 and its work are of significant importance.

On the other hand, various Council of Europe bodies have noted that instances of xenophobia and intolerance against persons of certain ethnic and religious groups were reported. Moreover, these organs have also reported their concerns that the legal framework regarding prevention of racial discrimination needs to be improved.

In this regard, as a step forward in the Government's efforts to tackle right-wing extremism, we would like to **recommend** the Government of Liechtenstein to

enact the relevant legislation to eradicate and ban xenophobia and racial discrimination in all spheres including education, employment and housing.

Finally, foreigners from "third countries", who are to sign the integration agreement, could be informed about it in advance and protected against racial discrimination during the fulfillment of its terms, especially regarding their residency status and freedom of movement and in the areas of employment, education, health care and housing.

I thank you.