

Thank you Mr President,

The UK welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for presenting their national report.

The UK recognises the steps that Liechtenstein has taken since their last UPR review to strengthen the legal and institutional framework to combat racism and other forms of discrimination. The UK would encourage Liechtenstein to put in place anti-discrimination legislation to support their national action plan against racism. We would also encourage Liechtenstein to investigate how gender equality can be promoted and championed in order to give women fairer and equal access to participation in political and public life.

We would like to ask whether the Government of Liechtenstein has plans to establish a National Human Rights Institution that would operate in line with the Paris Principles.

The UK would like to note the positive constitutional amendments made in 2003 whereby torture and inhuman treatment are absolutely prohibited and the subsequent amendment of 2005, which further prohibit inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. We would be interested to hear of what further measures the government intends to take to maintain this positive momentum and strengthen its stance against torture.

The UK would urge Liechtenstein to look into policing practises particularly in reference to allegations of apprehended persons being subject to excessive use of force and potentially dangerous and violent treatment. The UK would suggest that independent bodies be tasked with investigating these allegations in order to ensure the impartiality of judgements.

We would like to make two recommendations:

1. To ratify the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the next UPR review.
2. To enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation with specific legislation prohibiting racial discrimination

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