

Universal Periodic Review of United Arab Emirates

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

We note with concern that stakeholders report that corporal punishment of children is lawful within the family and as a sentence for crime in the penal system. **We recommend that the United Arab Emirates take legislative measures to explicitly ban corporal punishment in all settings, including the home and penal institutions, set up effective complaints mechanisms and provide training in the identification, reporting and management of cases of ill-treatment to teachers, law enforcement and health professionals.**

As to equality of women Liechtenstein recommends that the United Arab Emirates ensure that women have full access to justice, obtain equal legal capacity and are treated equally in courts. Furthermore, we recommend that the United Arab Emirates reform its legislation with a view to providing women with equal rights in marriage, divorce, property relations, the custody of children and inheritance.

As regards international justice, Liechtenstein recommends that the United Arab Emirates ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in its 2010 version, including the amendments on the crime of aggression, and review its national legislation in order to ensure full alignment with the Statute.