**Universal Periodic Review of Germany**

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Germany and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

We would like to express our appreciation for Germany’s constant efforts to honour its pledges as a member of this Council.

Liechtenstein commends Germany for adopting a wide range of legislative measures, policies and programmes to strengthen gender equality and women’s rights. Liechtenstein also welcomes the efforts of Germany in ensuring the realization of the rights of the child. However, stakeholders report that the Criminal Code provides that the age of sexual consent was fourteen years and therefore higher levels of protection for children being trafficked for sexual purposes only applied to children under the age of fourteen. Liechtenstein wishes to **recommend that Germany take appropriate measures to ensure equal protection for all victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation under the age of eighteen years.** Liechtenstein also **recommends that Germany ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.**

Liechtenstein acknowledges Germany’s strong commitment to international justice and welcomes that it is well on its way to ratifying the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute of the ICC.