

Universal Periodic Review of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement as well as in the national report.

We acknowledge the efforts of the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to overcome all forms of discrimination against women and to strengthen the promotion of women's rights, i.a. through the adoption of the new Law on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men and the subsequent Strategy and National Action Plan.

Liechtenstein recommends that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia intensify its efforts to combat domestic violence and its efforts to ensure that victims of domestic violence have access to adequate assistance, including legal and psychological counselling, medical help and shelter.

Regarding children and young people, we commend the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's National Action Plan and the new Law on Child Protection. Liechtenstein **recommends that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia implement legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children in the home and conduct awareness-raising campaigns on the harmful effect of corporal punishment and on the use of alternative and non-violent forms of discipline in a manner consistent with the child's dignity.**

Liechtenstein acknowledges the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's commitment to international justice. **In this regard, Liechtenstein recommends that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute, if possible with a view to contributing to the activation of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over the crime of aggression at the beginning of 2017.**