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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

We are pleased to read in the National report that the protection and empowerment of women has been given priority by Ethiopia both at the Federal and the Regional States level. However, we note with concern that several treaty bodies conclude that there needs much more to be done in this area. Liechtenstein recommends that Ethiopia increase efforts to effectively enforce the provisions of the Criminal Code on sexual and domestic violence and prosecute any such acts. Further, Liechtenstein recommends that Ethiopia enhance assistance, shelter and rehabilitation for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Finally, Liechtenstein recommends that Ethiopia accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the International Criminal Court and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts.