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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

Liechtenstein welcomes the Maldives’ pledges concerning the economic empowerment of women and zero tolerance of violence against women as well as the Maldives’ various legislative initiatives aimed at improving its administration of justice. However, Liechtenstein remains concerned about reported barriers faced by women in gaining access to justice. Liechtenstein therefore **recommends that the Maldives strengthen the independence of its judiciary, establish legal remedies that are accessible to women, and ensure, that women who report violations are treated in a gender-sensitive manner at all stages of judicial proceedings**. Furthermore, Liechtenstein **recommends that the Maldives enhance awareness of women’s rights and disseminate information on the remedies available to those who claim violations of their rights.**

Moreover, Liechtenstein acknowledges the Maldives’ commitment to international justice, including its ratification of the Rome Statute. Liechtenstein **recommends that the Maldives 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.