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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United States and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement as well as in the national report which both show the commitment of the United States to the promotion and protection of human rights.

We took positive note of statements in your report that the US, in its efforts to protect national security, strives to protect privacy and civil liberties, and we acknowledge that the US has initiated some discussion for reform on this issue. In this connection, Liechtenstein recommends that the Unites States review their national laws and policies in order to ensure that all surveillance of digital communications is consistent with its international human rights obligations and is conducted on the basis of a legal framework which is publicly accessible, clear, precise, comprehensive and non-discriminatory.

Moreover, Liechtenstein recommends that the United States explicitly prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home and schools, and that the United States encourage non-violent forms of discipline as alternatives to corporal punishment.