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**Universal Periodic Review of Costa Rica**

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**Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel**

**Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein**

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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Costa Rica and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report as well as for its principled commitment to human rights and a rules-based international order.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Costa Rica

1. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and ensure the full application of juvenile justice standards.

2. Allocate sufficient resources to the implementation of the national policy against human trafficking, strengthen early identification and referral of women and girls who were victims of trafficking to appropriate services.

3. Adopt legislation to stop child sex tourism throughout the country.

4. Further strengthen the protection of human rights defenders, in particular women environmental human rights defenders, as well as media and journalists from threats, hate speech and violent messages.

We wish you a successful UPR. I thank you.