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**Universal Periodic Review of Austria**

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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Austria and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report. Liechtenstein welcomes Austria’s efforts to implement recommendations since the last Universal Periodic Review as well as its strong commitment to human rights in general.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Austria

1. Strengthen efforts to thoroughly investigate all cases of human trafficking and ensure victim’s access to justice and remedies.

2. Continue its efforts to eliminate all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including by adopting comprehensive measures to prevent, combat and punish all forms of gender-based violence against women as well as by reinforcing the protection and assistance provided to victims of such violence, and to provide justice to survivors.

3. Continue to advocate against corporal punishment by making all parts of the population aware of the legal abolition of such practices.

4. Work towards ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We thank you.