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**Universal Periodic Review of Mauritania**

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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mauritania and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Mauritania

1. Take effective steps to combat all forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, including sexual and labour exploitation, sale, abduction of and trafficking in children and other vulnerable groups, and to provide justice to the survivors.

2. Take effective steps to eliminate all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including by introducing a definition of the offence of rape that is consistent with international human rights standards, and to ensure justice for survivors.

3. Accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

4. Ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version as well as the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression.

5. Join the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, as elaborated by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (ACT).

We thank you.