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**Universal Periodic Review of the Netherlands**

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**Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Kurt Jäger**

**Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein**

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Netherlands and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report as well as for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that the Netherlands

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

2. Strengthen efforts to combat hate speech and incitement to discrimination or violence on racial, ethnic or religious grounds, online and offline.

3. Step up efforts to combat violence against women and domestic violence, including by revising provisions on sexual violence and domestic violence, particularly those relating to the definition of rape and other sexual offences, in the criminal laws of all four constituent countries of the Netherlands, in line with international human rights standards.

We thank the Netherlands for being a reliable partner in this Council and wish you a successful UPR. Thank you.