**Universal Periodic Review of LIECHTENSTEIN**

**24 January 2018**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of the Principality of Liechtenstein to its third UPR and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

We commend Liechtenstein for the continuous advancements in the strengthening of its legal and policy framework for the protection and promotion of human rights, including the latest ratifications of the two Optional Protocols of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), namely on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the communications procedure.

We further note with appreciation that Liechtenstein has become party to the majority of international human rights instruments, and encourage the government to continue efforts to lessen the backlog of treaty body reporting.

Estonia welcomes steps taken by the government to achieve gender equality in law and in practice. We **recommend** to the government to take steps to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention) in the near future.

In order to further improve protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, Estonia would like to **recommend** to the government of Liechtenstein to ratify the Convention of the Rights of Persons with the Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol (OP-CRPD).

Estonia also **recommends** Liechtenstein to decriminalize defamation and include it as part of the civil code in accordance with international standards.

Finally, Estonia would like to commend Liechtenstein for its longstanding, global support to the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes, including for its support to the work of the International Criminal Court.

We wish the delegation of Liechtenstein a successful UPR.

Thank you.