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**Universal Periodic Review of Fiji**

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Intervention by Mr. Daniel Batliner, Second Secretary,

Permanent Mission of Principality of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Fiji and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report. Liechtenstein commends Fiji for the progress made since the last Universal Periodic Review, in particular, for Fiji’s abolition of capital punishment for all crimes as well as the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other relevant international human rights treaties.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Fiji

1. Ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression, and review its national legislation in order to ensure full alignment with the Rome Statute.

2. 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).

3. Withdraw all reservations to the Convention against Torture, in particular in regard to articles 1, 14 and 20 relating to the definition of torture, compensation and confidential inquiry procedures, and ratify the optional protocols to the Convention.

4. Take specific measures, including strengthening legal framework to eliminate discrimination, hate speech and violence against LBT women, including by prosecuting and adequately punishing perpetrators, and adopt awareness-raising measures to address stigma within society.

We thank you.