

Universal Periodic Review of Namibia

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Namibia and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement as well as in the national report.

Liechtenstein welcomes Namibia's efforts to improve the elimination of discrimination against women as manifested in Namibia's National Gender Policy 2010–2020. Liechtenstein also welcomes that Namibia has several programs in place to combat gender based violence. Liechtenstein encourages Namibia to continue these efforts and **recommends that Namibia ensure that all cases of violence against women and girls are thoroughly and effectively investigated and that perpetrators are prosecuted ex officio and adequately punished.** Furthermore, Liechtenstein **recommends that Namibia ensure that women - in particular women pursuing divorce or having experienced gender based violence - have effective access to justice in all parts of the country.**

Moreover, Liechtenstein acknowledges Namibia's commitment to international justice. In this regard, Liechtenstein **recommends that Namibia ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute with a view to contributing to the activation of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over the crime of aggression in 2017.**