

Universal Periodic Review of Latvia

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

Liechtenstein welcomes Latvia's efforts to make further progress toward the elimination of discrimination against women and in the fight against violence against women. We however note concerns by several treaty bodies at the lack of adequate and systematic assistance to victims of domestic violence. Liechtenstein **recommends that Latvia increase the number and capacity of shelters for women who are victims of violence and ensure that victims receive adequate assistance, including psychosocial counselling.**

Liechtenstein also recommends that Latvia ensure that all processing of personal data and all state surveillance activities be in line with international human rights law and do not infringe on citizen's fundamental rights and freedoms, including the right to privacy. Additionally, Liechtenstein recommends that Latvia ensure that the operations of intelligence agencies are monitored by an independent oversight mechanism to ensure transparency and accountability.

In addition, Liechtenstein **recommends that Latvia ratify OPCAT and establish an independent National Preventive Mechanism, in compliance with OPCAT requirements.**