

Universal Periodic Review of Tunisia

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tunisia and thanks for the valuable information provided.

Liechtenstein welcomes Tunisia's many steps towards ensuring the rule of law, accountability for past human rights violations and transitional justice. Liechtenstein thanks Tunisia for being a constructive partner in support of the ICC and recommends that Tunisia ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute expeditiously.

Liechtenstein welcomes Tunisia's efforts made to combat violence against women. Liechtenstein recommends that Tunisia expedite the adoption of the law to combat violence against women and ensure that it makes all forms of violence against women a criminal offence, including domestic violence and marital rape, and amend the provisions of the Criminal Code in order to eliminate any possibility of impunity for the perpetrators of violence against women. Liechtenstein recommends that Tunisia train members of the judiciary and law enforcement officials, make them aware of all types of violence against women and strengthen public awareness campaigns.

Liechtenstein is concerned about reports of attacks against human rights defenders, and harassment against journalists and artists. Liechtenstein recommends that Tunisia publicly condemn threats and attacks against human rights defenders, journalists, artists and bloggers and not support, by action or omission, such attacks. Liechtenstein further recommends that Tunisia carry out prompt investigations of all threats and attacks targeting human rights defenders and by guaranteeing that those responsible for them are brought to justice and punished in a manner commensurate with the gravity of their acts.

Online services and online communication are important tools of political participation. Liechtenstein therefore recommends that Tunisia bring all legislation concerning communication surveillance in line with international human rights standards and especially recommends that all communications surveillance requires a test of necessity and proportionality.