

Universal Periodic Review of Ecuador

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

Regarding recommendation 135.4 made at the 2012 universal periodic review (UPR), the Office of the Ombudsman noted that the Constitution and the Comprehensive Organic Criminal Code included some provisions of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. However, the classification of offences committed in the context of armed conflicts did not cover all the acts contained in the Statute. As previously recommended, Liechtenstein recommends that Ecuador fully cooperate with the ICC and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute's obligations and definitions of crimes and principles and that Ecuador ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.

Liechtenstein welcomes that Ecuador is committed to continuing its efforts to campaign against corporal punishment. Despite the measures taken, legislation prohibiting corporal punishment had not yet been enacted. As previously recommended, Liechtenstein recommends that Ecuador introduce and enforce legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings, including in the family, schools and all places of deprivation of liberty.

Online services and online communication are important tools of political participation. Liechtenstein therefore recommends that Ecuador 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. Liechtenstein also recommends that Ecuador take the necessary steps to ensure that all operations of intelligence agencies are monitored by an independent oversight mechanism.