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Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Afghanistan and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement.

Liechtenstein welcomes the adoption of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women and the establishment of national and provincial Commissions on Elimination of Violence against Women and of women's protection centres. Liechtenstein remains concerned by the high prevalence of violence against women in Afghanistan. Liechtenstein recommends that Afghanistan conduct awareness-raising campaigns on the content of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women and encourage women to report all cases of violence.

Liechtenstein recommends that Afghanistan establish a moratorium on executions with a view to the complete abolishment of the death penalty and to commute all existing death sentences. Liechtenstein also recommends that Afghanistan ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Liechtenstein welcomes Afghanistan's commitment to international justice, including its ratification of the Rome Statute. Liechtenstein recommends that Afghanistan ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.