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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Arab Emirates and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that the United Arab Emirates

- 1. Adopt laws that formally and effectively enshrine the equality of women and men and revise laws which are discriminatory in nature such as on male guardianship over his wife and children.
- 2. Take effective measures to combat so-called "honor-killings" including by prosecuting perpetrators and issuing sentences commensurate with the crime.
- 3. Prevent and respond to the crime of human trafficking, including when it results from the *Kafalah* system of women migrant domestic workers which are at an elevated risk of abuse, sexual abuse and *de facto* deprivation of liberty.
- 4. Bring legislation on terrorism in line with international standards and halt its use to arrest, detain and prosecute human rights defenders and activists for the exercise of their fundamental human rights.

We thank you.