

Universal Periodic Review of Paraguay

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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

Liechtenstein recognizes Paraguay's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its continued support for the International Criminal Court and its ratification of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC). We welcome that the Government of Paraguay has already begun the process of ratifying the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute, and Liechtenstein **recommends that Paraguay conclude the process of ratifying the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute swiftly with a view to contributing to the activation of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over the crime of aggression in 2017.**

An increasing number of individuals in Paraguay are engaging online, including using online services as a tool to express and share their political views. In this regard, **Liechtenstein recommends that Paraguay ensure that all state surveillance activities are in line with international human rights law and do not infringe on citizen's fundamental rights and freedoms.** Additionally, **Liechtenstein recommends that Paraguay take the necessary measures to ensure that the operations of intelligence agencies are monitored by an independent oversight mechanism to ensure transparency and accountability.**