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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

Liechtenstein recognizes Venezuela's efforts in combating gender-based violence and violence against children and welcomes the first steps Venezuela has taken to implement the Act on Women's Right to a Life Free from Violence. Liechtenstein recommends increasing the efforts to fully implement the Act, coordinate the programmes and institutions that address violence against women and effectively combat all forms of violence against women. Liechtenstein also recommends setting measures to prevent violence against children and prohibit corporal punishment of children.

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

Moreover, Liechtenstein acknowledges Venezuela's commitment to international justice, including its ratification of the Rome Statute. In this regard, Liechtenstein **recommends** that Venezuela ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.