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

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

Liechtenstein welcomes Nigeria's efforts to provide legal aid services to women and girls. Liechtenstein recommends that Nigeria intensify efforts to enable women in gaining access to justice by increasing gender awareness among judges and other court personnel.

Liechtenstein is concerned about the continued existence of the death penalty in Nigeria. Liechtenstein recommends that Nigeria establish a moratorium on executions with a view to its complete abolishment and to commute all existing death sentences. Liechtenstein furthermore recommends that Nigeria ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The International Criminal Court ensures that the most serious crimes under international criminal Law, such as genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, are prosecuted. Liechtenstein acknowledges Nigeria's commitment to international justice, including its ratification of the Rome Statute. Liechtenstein recommends that Nigeria ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute. Furthermore, Liechtenstein recommends that Nigeria join the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, as elaborated by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (ACT).