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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein and thanks it for its presentation today.

We commend both the progress made since the last UPR cycle, and the strong commitment of Liechtenstein to protect and promote human rights at home and abroad.

The adoption of legislation in 2016 which supported the creation of an independent National Human Rights Institution in full accordance with the Paris Principles is particularly welcome. As indeed are the steps which have been taken by the Liechtenstein government to ratify many instruments in the field of human rights. We also note that Liechtenstein has a standing invitation to UN Special Procedures which is still in effect.

Ireland welcomes the commitment of Liechtenstein to address gender equality issues. Milestones such as the signature in 2016 of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence are particularly important in that regard.

Ireland **recommends** that Liechtenstein further step up its efforts to achieve gender equality by encouraging enterprises to take positive measures to narrow the gender pay gap, including regarding women's access to managerial positions.

We wish Liechtenstein every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.