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Amnesty International welcomes Liechtenstein’s support of recommendations
to establish a National Human Rights Institution

Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcome on Liechtenstein

Amnesty International welcomes Liechtenstein’s support for all the recommendations made in
the review to establish a fully independent National Human Rights Institution compliant with
the Paris Principles.¹

The organization is concerned, however, that developments with regards to its establishment
have deteriorated in recent months, under the government elected in February 2013.

Earlier, Amnesty International had expressed concern that the Office of Equal Opportunity –
which is currently functioning as the de facto NHRI – was not adequately funded or staffed to
fulfil a human rights monitoring mandate. Now, only a part-time staff member with limited
human rights expertise supports this body.

As an intermediate step, the organization encourages the government to strengthen the
existing institutional structures by providing it with adequate human and financial resources.

Amnesty International also urges Liechtenstein to act without delay and in good faith to
implement the recommendations it has accepted and to establish a fully independent National
Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Background
The UN Human Rights Council adopted the outcome of the Universal Periodic Review of
Liechtenstein on 7 June 2013 during its 23rd session. Prior to the adoption of the review
outcome, Amnesty International delivered the oral statement above.

Amnesty International had earlier submitted information on the situation of human rights in
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¹ A/HRC/23/14, recommendations 94.21-30 (Algeria, Lesotho, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria,
Spain, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, Moldova).