



## Suggested recommendations to States coming up during the third round of reviews under the Universal Periodic Review

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### *Addendum*

#### **Recommendations to the government of Liechtenstein**

##### *Independent national human rights institution*

- To establish an independent national human rights institution, including to improve the coordination between the different institutional levels and to contribute to promoting a coherent and credible approach to the human rights policy in Liechtenstein.

*Background:* Although Liechtenstein has already established a Commission for Equal Opportunities, this does not fully meet the criteria required by the Paris Principles and is not an appropriate authority in cases of violations of human rights.

##### *The Foreign National Act*

- To amend the new Foreign National Act to avoid the creation of a further group of non-citizens and to ensure that non-citizens are not discriminated against especially with regard to their right to family reunification.

*Background:* The new Foreign National Act concerns only foreign citizens of non-EU, non-EFTA and non-Swiss nationality. Some of its provisions, including in particular the requirement to have a certain command of the local language before being granted the right to join family in Liechtenstein, could under certain circumstances be an obstacle to family reunification.

- To ensure that a non-Liechtenstein parent of a Liechtenstein child has an unrestricted right of domicile until the child comes of age in order to be able to fulfil his/her parental duties.

*Background:* In the case of divorce within 5 years of marriage to a Liechtenstein citizen, a non-Liechtenstein citizen loses his/her right of domicile.

##### *Implementation of UN treaty body recommendations*

- To ensure that the recommendations of UN treaty bodies are included in national action plans and that measures to ensure regular follow-up are made public. Such measures should include systematic human rights training and follow up for public servants, including those working with foreign nationals and asylum seekers.

*Background:* The treatment by the authorities of some asylum seekers, in particular those suffering psychological problems, is a cause for concern. In some cases, interrogation by the authorities has

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resulted in a severe deterioration of the asylum seekers' health condition. In 2007, such conduct reportedly led the Public Health Officer to break off cooperation with the relevant authorities.

*Same sex partnerships*

- To eliminate any discrimination against same sex couples, including by introducing a law on registered partnerships, e.g. based on laws already in force in Switzerland.