

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC STATEMENT

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Liechtenstein: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/EUR31/001/2012/en/18de7469-2228-40f9-a22e-c65f9d85f116/eur310012012en.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/23/14, recommendations 94.21-30 (Algeria, Lesotho, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Spain, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, Moldova).

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