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Universal Periodic Review of Cuba

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

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cuba and is thankful for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

Liechtenstein welcomes that Cuba has achieved successes in promoting and protecting women's rights. Liechtenstein commends Cuba's policies and programmes which promote women's autonomy and their economic, social and political empowerment. Liechtenstein renews its recommendation that Cuba accede to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Liechtenstein is concerned that Cuba retains the death penalty in its domestic penal code. Liechtenstein recommends that Cuba give due consideration to the legal abolition of the death penalty. Liechtenstein furthermore recommends that Cuba ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights itself.

Liechtenstein recommends that Cuba ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in its 2010 version, including the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression, and review its national legislation in order to ensure full alignment with the Statute.