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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Afghanistan and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

On numerous occasions, we have expressed our deep concern over the development of the human rights and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan since the takeover of the Taliban in August 2021.

In particular, the targeting of former Government officials and human rights defenders as well as the crackdown on the rights of and the increased violence against women and girls are unacceptable.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Afghanistan

1. Uphold obligations stemming from treaties which it is a party to.
2. Reinstatement of a credible and independent national human rights institution.
3. Establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

4. Take effective steps to prevent femicides, acts of violence, including arbitrary detention, sexual abuse, or any form of torture, ill-treatment or punishment of women and girls, and to ensure the strengthening of gender equality through the removal of all bans and discriminatory practices.

We thank you.