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Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

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

The imposition of the death penalty is a flagrant violation of the right to life and human dignity. (There is no empirical evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than other forms of punishment. Wrongful convictions occur even in the most advanced justice systems, a sad and urgent reminder of the irrevocable and all too final character of capital punishment.) Liechtenstein is deeply concerned with the proposal to reinstate the death penalty in the Philippines. Liechtenstein **recommends that the Philippines preserve the right to life, and to not bring back use of the death penalty as proposed in the Death Penalty Bill.**

Liechtenstein is concerned at the persistence of appalling conditions of detention prevailing in the Philippines. Liechtenstein **recommends that the Philippines make public the findings and implement the recommendations of the SPT [Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment] arising from its visit to the country in 2015.** Liechtenstein also **recommends that the Philippines ensure that all pretrial detainees are brought before a judge without delay and expedite the cases of persons held under the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.**