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

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

Liechtenstein welcomes Botswana's efforts to set-up a national human rights institution. Liechtenstein recommends that Botswana establish without further delay a national human rights institution that will be in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Liechtenstein notes that corporal punishment is permissible under Botswana's laws and is used as a way of disciplining children. Liechtenstein recommends that Botswana take legislative measures to prohibit all forms of corporal punishment against children and to conduct awareness-raising campaigns to ensure that non-violent forms of discipline are administered in a manner consistent with the child's dignity.

Liechtenstein is concerned that Botswana retains the death penalty in law and in practice. Liechtenstein recommends that Botswana give due consideration to the legal abolition of the death penalty as well as to the commutation of all death sentences to terms of imprisonment. Liechtenstein furthermore recommends that Botswana ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.