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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF LIECHTENSTEIN  
AT THE 977th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairperson,

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, Liechtenstein published a press release that mentioned, amongst other things, Liechtenstein's strong commitment to human rights.

Specifically, Liechtenstein focuses especially on the rights of women and children and the abolition of torture and the death penalty. One particular concern is the protection of women in wars and armed conflicts and the increased involvement of women in peace negotiations and reconciliation. Liechtenstein will be able to step up this commitment even further in 2014 when it becomes a member of the UN Women Executive Board.

For Liechtenstein's foreign policy with respect to human rights to be credible, its own domestic human rights situation also needs to be critically examined. This was done during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) by the Geneva-based United Nations Human Rights Council in January 2013, which confirmed Liechtenstein's overall good human rights record.

The complete text of the press release can be consulted at [www.ikr.llv.li](http://www.ikr.llv.li).

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.