

BRIEFING FROM THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE
TO END ALL CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN

**BRIEFING ON LIECHTENSTEIN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

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LIECHTENSTEIN (fourth report – CEDAW/C/LIE/4)

Corporal punishment is prohibited in all settings in Liechtenstein, including the home. In January 2009, the Children and Youth Act 2008 came into force. Article 3 states (unofficial translation): “(1) Children and young people have the rights outlined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to the following measures: (a) protection notably against discrimination, neglect, violence, abuse and sexual abuse; (b) education/upbringing without violence: corporal punishment, psychological harm and other degrading treatment are not accepted (2) Children can address the Ombudsperson when they believe their rights have been violated.”

We hope the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women will welcome the legal protection from corporal punishment now enjoyed by girls and boys in Liechtenstein and urge the government to ensure full implementation of the prohibition through awareness raising on the new law and the promotion of positive, non-violent discipline in childrearing and education.