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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, at its seventy-third session, held from the 28 July to the 15 August 2008, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Liechtenstein (CERD/C/LIE/CO/3/Add.1) pursuant to rule 65 (1) of its rules of procedure.

The Committee welcomes the submission of significant information, as requested, on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the concluding observations (CERD/C/LIE/CO/3) adopted by the Committee following the consideration at its seventieth session of the second and third periodic reports of Liechtenstein, submitted in one document.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity thus provided to continue its dialogue with the State party. In this spirit, the Committee would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on action taken on these issues be included in Liechtenstein's fourth and fifth periodic report, to be submitted as a single document, due on 22 March 2009.

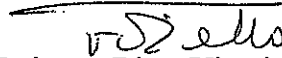
- **Paragraph 17 of the concluding observations:** The Committee welcomes the information contained in the reply that the Government has elaborated a draft bill on the revision of the Act on Facilitated Naturalization (2000) and that it has submitted the bill to a consultation procedure among interested groups and institutions with the intention to submit it to Parliament during the course of this year. In this regard, the Committee would appreciate receiving follow-up information on the current status.

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- **Paragraph 18 of the concluding observations:** The Committee notes with appreciation that, as a direct follow-up to the Committee's recommendation, a study has been commissioned by the Liechtenstein Commission on Violence Protection with a view to assessing forms of right-wing extremism and designing measures to prevent the further development of this phenomenon. The State party is invited to present in its next periodic report the main points and methodology of this study as well as the measures adopted in light of its conclusions.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to further pursue its constructive dialogue with your Government, and to underline that the Committee's observations and request for further information are made with a view to assisting your Government in the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,



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