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Item 6:
Consideration of UPR reports

LIECHTENSTEIN

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Liechtenstein's support for all the recommendations made by in the review to establish a fully independent National Human Rights Institution compliant with the Paris Principles.¹

We are concerned, however, that developments with regards to its establishment have deteriorated in recent months, under the government elected in February 2013.

In our submission, we expressed concern that the Office of Equal Opportunity – which until now has functioned as the *de facto* NHRI – was not adequately funded or staffed to fulfill a human rights monitoring mandate. Now, only a part-time staff member with limited human rights expertise supports this body.

Mr. President,

As an intermediate step, we encourage the government to strengthen the existing institutional structures by providing it with adequate human and financial resources.

We also urge Liechtenstein to act without delay and in good faith to implement the recommendations it has accepted and to establish a fully independent National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ A/HRC/23/14, recommendations 94.21-30 (Algeria, Lesotho, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Spain, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, Moldova).