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## **Universal Periodic Review of the Democratic Republic of Congo**

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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement.

Liechtenstein recommends that the Democratic Republic Congo

1. Continue to cooperate with the ICC in its investigations into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the DRC since 2002.
2. Commute the sentences of individuals that are currently on death row and initiate a political and legislative process aimed at the abolition of the death penalty.
3. Increase efforts to combat sexual and gender-based violence, including domestic violence and in school, and take sufficient steps to reintegrate and rehabilitate victims of sexual and gender-based crimes.
4. Accelerate the signing of the decree to operationalize the national council for children and guarantee unconditional free access for children to health and education.
5. Take effective measures to prevent children from being accused of witchcraft, criminalize the persecution of accused children, and bring perpetrators of violence against and ill-treatment of children accused of witchcraft to justice.