ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LIECHTENSTEIN

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

• We note that the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) has recommended that Liechtenstein guarantees the independence from the Government of the Equal Opportunities Office and that consideration should be given to extending the powers of this Office. We would be grateful for the Liechtenstein Government’s comments on this important recommendation.

• What progress has the Government of Liechtenstein made on setting up a full and coherent system of data collection for the purposes of monitoring progress on its efforts on anti-racism?

• What consideration has Liechtenstein given to the recommendations by the ECRI and the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe regarding further reducing the residency requirement for naturalisation and reconsideration of the system of voting by local residents for the granting of citizenship?

• What consideration has Liechtenstein given to the ECRI recommendations regarding extending voting rights to long-term resident non-citizens in local elections?

• We would be grateful for further information on the steps Liechtenstein has made to amend relevant legislation to ensure that the right of access to a lawyer is formally guaranteed to all persons from the outset of their deprivation of liberty.

• Can the Government of Liechtenstein confirm that a comprehensive form setting out the rights of persons deprived of their liberty is systematically handed out to such persons at the outset of their deprivation of liberty?

• What steps has the Government of Liechtenstein taken to ensure that law enforcement officials no longer use forms of ill-treatment towards persons in their custody?