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Ms. Dubravka Simonovic Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences

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Madam Special Rapporteur,

I have the honor to refer to your letter dated 5 November 2019 seeking our support in accelerating efforts to prevent gender-related killings of women and requesting information on the domestic situation of the Principality of Liechtenstein. We welcome your efforts to analyze cases involving the killings of women, from a human rights perspective, in order to determine shortcomings within national laws and policies, including their lack of implementation, and to undertake preventive measures.

It's my pleasure to hereby submit Liechtenstein's contribution to your survey. For the reporting period 2016-2019, there have been no gender-related killings of women in Liechtenstein. For this reason, related to the very low number of killings in general, Liechtenstein has not set up national femicide watch. However, there is a national institution for victims or survivors of violence against women that provides shelter as well as legal and mental support.

It is furthermore my pleasure to also confirm that, in the reporting period, there have been nor killings of children, nor any suicides of women and men as a result of gender-based violence.

Please find the data below provided in the requested table format:

Period	Total number	of	Total	number	of	Total	numbe	r of	Other	gend	er-
	intentional	intentional			women/men			women/men		killings	of
	killings		killed by intimate		killed by a family		women/men				
	/homicides		partne	rs		memb	er				
2016-2019 ¹		0 ²			0			0			0

¹ until 30 June 2019

² In its annual statistic, the National Police Forces list for the reporting period in total three killings/homicides (one each for 2017, 2018 and 2019). In all those cases, it is related to attempted murder which is statistically listed as killing/homicide. However, in all three

For the reporting period, the National Police Forces registered two cases of suspected attempted murder in intimate relationships. Both victims survived the attacks but were injured, in one case severely. Please find a description of both cases below:

In 2017, there was a prosecution against a husband related to the suspicion of attempted murder of his wife. He has violated his wife physically and threatened to kill her which consist cases of severe domestic violence according to the national law. The suspect was finally sentenced for physical violence.

In 2018, there was another prosecution against a husband related to the suspicion of attempted murder of his wife. He has violated his wife physically by beating and strangling her. In the course of the action, the wife fell to the ground and suffered a traumatic brain injury resulting in hemiplegia and the loss of language skills. The perpetrator has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for attempted murder.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you of our highest consideration as well as our continued support for your work and remain at your disposal for any questions in regard to the information provided.

H.E. Ambassador Peter Matt

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein