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Country:	Liechtenstein
Title:	Government decided to sign the UNCRPD
Date:	3 June 2020
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	Liechtenstein Government decided to sign the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 26 May 2020
Grounds of discrimination:	Disability
Field of application:	All fields
Source:	Policy development
Applicable law:	Act on Equality of People with Disabilities (AEPD, Behindertengleichstellungsgesetz)

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Policy development: As early as 26 September 2018, a first national conference on the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) was held by the Liechtenstein Government. Institutions affected by the implementation of the Convention as well as state authorities were invited to this conference by the Government. Subsequently, an expert opinion was commissioned on the question of which legislative adaptations would be necessary in Liechtenstein prior to a possible ratification of the UNCRPD and which reservations should be made, if any. This was done in order to ensure that the national law would be in conformity with the Convention at the time of a possible ratification.

On 6 February 2020, the second national conference on the ratification of the UNCRPD took place. The purpose of the meeting was to present the outcome of the legal assessment on the consequences and necessary legislative adjustments of a possible ratification of the Convention. Following this, the invited institutions were asked to submit a further statement on the question of ratification of the UNCRPD.

By May 2020 all comments received were in favour of the ratification. In some cases, however, a request was made for specific reservations or declarations to be made or at least for some further elaboration on the specific matter.

At its meeting on 26 May 2020, the Government decided to sign the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 13 December 2006 (UN Disability Rights Convention). The ministries concerned have been instructed by the Government to present a timetable for making the necessary legislative adjustments. In addition, the Office of Foreign Affairs was instructed to examine the raising of reservations and declarations in the context of ratification of the UN Convention, taking into account the comments received, and to make appropriate recommendations or proposals to the Government. As soon as the appropriate legislative amendments have been made, the Convention can be ratified.

Internet link source: Press Release of the Government of Liechtenstein:
https://www.presseportal.ch/de/pm/100000148/100848381?utm_source=directmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=push.

Statement of the Government of Liechtenstein (homepage of the Liechtenstein Government): <https://www.regierung.li/de/mitteilungen/223510>.