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The Right to Conscientious Objection in Europe: A Review of the Current Situation

Country Report: LIECHTENSTEIN

Liechtenstein has no armed forces.

The 1921 Constitution, as amended in 2003, does allow for the introduction of conscription in case of war or emergency. According to Article 44: "Every man fit to bear arms shall be liable, up to the completion of his sixtieth year, to serve in the defence of his country in the event of an emergency. Apart from this contingency, no armed units may be organized or maintained, except so far as may be necessary for the provision of the police force and the preservation of internal order. Detailed regulations regarding this matter may be laid down by law".¹

¹ Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers: Child Soldiers Global Report 2004.