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Review of Mexico
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New Zealand welcomes the delegation of Mexico. We value this opportunity for on-going engagement given our close and constructive partnership in international human rights fora.

New Zealand welcomes progress in Mexico, including the entering into force of the General Persons with Disabilities Inclusion Act in 2011 and the establishment of the National Council for the Development and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.

In order to strengthen efforts to fully implement the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New Zealand recommends that Mexico review and assess how the rights of persons with disabilities, including mental disabilities, are guaranteed within prisons and that Mexico establish a comprehensive training programme for law enforcement and prison staff to ensure effective implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities in detention facilities, including persons with mental disabilities.

We welcome Mexico's efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and girls, and to improve access to justice. New Zealand recommends that Mexico adopt inclusive solutions at the state and local levels involving local enforcement agents, judiciary, community organisations and schools, to end tolerance of and impunity for gender-based violence against women and girls, and that solutions include the situation of women in prisons.

New Zealand thanks the delegation of Mexico for its consideration of New Zealand's recommendations.