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**Recommendations by Canada for Honduras' UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

**Recommendations**

Canada recommends that Honduras:

1. Strengthen and guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary by enforcing the constitutional process for electing judges of the Supreme Court, adopting safeguard measures to prevent irregular dismissals and appointments, and adopting additional anti-corruption measures.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.
3. Defend children's rights by ensuring that the Directorate of Childhood, Adolescent and Family (DINAF) has the appropriate legislative framework and financial resources to meet its mandate, and by implementing policies and programmes to protect children, adolescents and returned child migrants.
4. Increase the number of law enforcement officials, judges and prosecutors receiving training specific to human rights and minority groups.

**Observations:**

Canada encourages Honduras to continue its efforts to ensure the protection of human rights defenders, journalists and justice sector officials.

Canada also encourages Honduras to reduce overcrowding in prisons and juvenile detention centers by respecting their maximum occupancy rates and by implementing crime prevention and rehabilitation programs in communities.