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Recommendations by Canada for the Republic of Paraguay's UPR

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Paraguay:

1. Implement the rulings of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights regarding indigenous land claims by the Yakye Axa and Sawhoyamaxa Indigenous communities promptly and effectively.
2. Pass legislation to prevent and criminalize all forms of violence against women, and provide law enforcement with training and education to ensure its effective implementation.
3. Implement the National System for Comprehensive Protection and Advancement of Children and Adolescents, with attention to human trafficking and sexual and reproductive health. Pass legislation to protect the rights of unregistered children and remove obstacles to child registration.
4. Enact legislation to prohibit discrimination, including based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
5. Combat impunity of all attacks against human rights defenders, including by investigating the murders of 17 journalists since 1991. Establish a special commission in the Public Prosecutor's Office to bring those responsible to justice.

Observations

Canada notes the steps taken by Paraguay to address Indigenous rights and land settlement issues. However, we are concerned that the process of expropriation approved by Congress in 2014 has not yet been implemented to comply with the rulings of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights.

Debate in Paraguay's Congress on prevention and criminalization of violence against women is a positive step. However, we are concerned that, after more than 2 years, legislation has not yet been passed.