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**Recommendations by Canada for Ecuador’s UPR**

Canada thanks Ecuador for its presentation and welcomes the positive steps taken by Ecuador to adopt certain laws on freedom of association and civic space.

Canada recommends that Ecuador:

1. Review *Article 109.7* of the *Organic Code for the Judiciary* with a view towards guaranteeing judicial independence, including through the independent selection of judicial authorities.
2. Fully respect the right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly by reviewing the laws, policies and programs that regulate civil society and by amending or repealing any laws that allow the State to use force against peaceful demonstrators, arbitrarily detain protestors, restrict civil space and arbitrarily shut down the activities of civil society organizations. Such laws include Articles 336, 339, 345, 346 of the *Organic Penal Code* as well as Articles 22, 23, 24 of Presidential Decree 739.
3. With the participation of Indigenous peoples, communities, and their respective organizations, adopt a legal framework that ensures respect for the principles in the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

**Observations**

Canada commends Ecuador for being party to several international human rights treaties. We encourage further efforts to ensure that Ecuador’s domestic laws fully align with its international human rights obligations.