**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Ecuador**

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Mr President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Ecuador for their presentation today and for their dedication to the UPR process.

We wish to **recommend** to Ecuador:

* Reform Organic Integral Criminal Code in relation to the legal extension of abortion and to decriminalize abortion in cases of rape, incest and sever fetal impairment.
* Pursue and scale up the implementation of inclusive education policies.

We noted the concern of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) about women's limited access to therapeutic **abortion** and their recourse of unsafe abortions as a consequence. We would like to encourage Ecuador to provide information and education on sexual and reproductive health and rights to girls and boys.

We note that the enrolment of girls in **education** had increased, however concerns remain with regard to access to education for indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian girls. We encourage Ecuador to reduce the discrepancy of access to education between the general population of Ecuador and the indigenous population and in particularly in rural areas.

Thank you!

**Questions to be submitted in advance:**

* We would be interested to hear more about the enrolling rate and the education opportunities provided for the indigenous population, in particular for those communities that have difficult access to schools.
* We would be interested to hear what concrete steps Ecuador intends to take to enact the legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children. What is the current state of play?