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Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden welcomes the Colombian Government’s peacebuilding efforts and its commitment to improve the protection of human rights. However, challenges remain and Sweden would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take measures to tackle impunity by prosecuting those responsible for violence against women and girls, including sexual and gender-based violence.
2. Fully implement the 2016 Peace Accord with the FARC by addressing the underlying causes of violence and conflict as well as ensuring that the rights of victims are guaranteed.
3. Take measures to guarantee the safety of human rights defenders, especially those working in rural conflict-prone areas, in order to ensure that they are able to carry out their work free from intimidation, threats, harassment, and attacks.

Thank you.