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**to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

*Geneva, 11 November 2024*

Mr. President,

We thank the delegation of Costa-Rica for presenting the national report.

We recommend that Costa-Rica:

1. Address persistent violations of the rights of minority groups, including discrimination and hate speech, especially on social networks, targeting indigenous groups and people of African descent;
2. Adopt the draft framework law to prevent and punish all forms of discrimination, racism and intolerance, incorporating disability as a prohibited ground in the definition of discrimination and references to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination;
3. Strengthen its measures to address gaps in school enrolment of children in rural and coastal areas, Indigenous children, children of African descent, children with disabilities, and migrant children, and to lower school dropout rates;
4. Ensure freedom of expression and press freedom to prevent an increase in attacks against journalists and media outlets;
5. Take effective steps to ensure that all cases of gender-based violence are thoroughly investigated, alleged perpetrators are brought to justice and victims receive redress, including through strengthening the Department on Gender-based Violence of the National Institute for Women.

Thank you.