

**Intervention by India at the 47th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group (4-15 November 2024): 4th UPR of Costa Rica, delivered by**

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Thank you Mr. President,

India welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica for presentation of its national report.

2. We appreciate efforts of the Government of Costa Rica in implementation of recommendations made during the third cycle of UPR.

3. We would like to make following recommendations under the 4th cycle:

One, enhance measures to protect indigenous groups, people of African descent, and other minority groups against discrimination, including against xenophobia and violence towards migrants.

Two, take appropriate steps to stop violations of freedom of expression and disinformation campaigns on social networks, online attacks against women, especially Indigenous political activists, women in politics and journalists.

Three, take appropriate legislative steps to combat digital violence and develop a national strategy against online gender-based violence in order to reduce the existing gaps between legislation and its effective application.

And four, take appropriate steps to improve accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to education, healthcare, electricity, drinking water and unemployment.

4. We wish a successful UPR and a comfortable stay in Geneva to the delegation of Costa Rica.

 I thank you.