**UPR 30, May 10, 2018**

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

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada thanks Colombia for its presentation and welcomes its progress in implementing the 2016 Peace Agreement and on human rights more broadly.

We wish to highlight the vital role that the OHCHR plays in Colombia. Canada seeks the Government’s confirmation that the new Representative, Alberto Brunori, will be accredited in accordance with the Office’s mandate until October 31, 2019.

Canada recommends that Colombia:

1. Take further actions to improve the prevention of, and response to, threats, attacks and killings of human rights defenders and social leaders, through strengthening security, timely investigations and addressing impunity;
2. Allocate appropriate funds in the national budget, and maintain adequate institutions to put gender equality at the centre of development and peacebuilding efforts.
3. Continue to implement the Peace Agreement with particular focus on: transitional justice, truth and reconciliation; the rights of victims, the needs of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities; and the reintegration of former combatants.

Thank you.