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

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada commends Mexico for its commitment to strengthening the international human rights system. We appreciate Mexico’s efforts to improve its justice and law enforcement systems.

Canada recommends that Mexico:

1. Adopt comprehensive policies for the protection of human rights defenders, journalists and religious leaders, and ensure that existing mechanisms are adequately funded and staffed with trained personnel;
2. Develop and effectively implement guidelines for the investigation of femicide in those states where they do not yet exist;
3. Ensure nationwide access to safe, timely and high-quality sexual and reproductive health services for all individuals, without discrimination; and
4. Develop an adequate legal framework as well as public policies and programs to address displacement, which disproportionally affects Indigenous communities.
5. Conduct prompt, thorough, independent and impartial investigations into all cases of enforced disappearance.

Recognizing the high rate of impunity for human rights violations and abuses, we encourage Mexico to implement these and other relevant laws to the fullest extent possible.