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New Zealand welcomes El Salvador’s participation in the 34th session of the Universal Periodic Review at the Human Rights Council and we wish to make the following recommendations.

New Zealand **recommends** that El Salvador adopt immediate measures to provide for sexual and reproductive health and rights for women in El Salvador, particularly in areas with high rates of sexual violence. We **recommend** these measures include comprehensive sexuality education and access to safe and effective contraceptive methods.

New Zealand **recommends** that El Salvador review the total prohibition of abortion and the criminalisation and detention of women for so-called abortion-related offences under Article 133 of the Criminal Code.

New Zealand **recommends** that El Salvador amend its anti-abortion legislation to remove the obligation of health professionals and public officials to report women to the police based on a suspicion of abortion.

Thank you.