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Thank you, Mr President.

VIDES International and IIMA congratulate Mexico for accepting almost all of the suggested recommendations and **encourage Mexico to continue reviewing the national legal framework to comply with international human rights obligations in accordance with recommendation 132.22.**

Children in Mexico often live in situations of inequality, poverty and coercion, especially children living on the streets, indigenous children, migrants and children with disabilities. **We hope that the acceptance of recommendation 132.147 will lead to extra efforts for the protection and prevention of child trafficking, exploitation, child prostitution and involvement in organised crime.**

Lack of inclusive education and early school leaving increases exposure to violence and insecurity. **We call on Mexico to continue to promote quality education for all in compliance with recommendation 132.182.**

With regard to women's rights, several cases of violence and unpunished femicides are of particular concern. **We call on Mexico to take all necessary measures to raise awareness of women's rights and to strengthen its efforts to investigate all cases of gender-based violence in a timely and impartial manner (recommendations 132.191-223).**

Thank you.