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Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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<i>Recommendations</i>	<i>Position of Ecuador</i>	<i>Comments</i>
101.1	Accepts	Pursuant to the policy on social rehabilitation, the State has been taking measures to reduce the number of violent deaths in prisons and detention centres. In particular, it has reduced the size of the inmate population through alternatives to detention and the granting of privileges and pardons to persons deprived of their liberty.
101.2	Accepts	Pursuant to the policy on social rehabilitation, the State has been taking measures to reduce overcrowding in prisons through the granting of privileges and pardons to persons deprived of their liberty.
101.3	Accepts	Pursuant to the policy on social rehabilitation, the State has been taking measures to reduce the number of violent deaths in prisons and detention centres. In particular, it has reduced the size of the inmate population through alternatives to detention and the granting of privileges and pardons to persons deprived of their liberty who did not commit offences against the integrity of the person.
101.4	Accepts	Pursuant to the policy on social rehabilitation, the State has been taking measures to improve conditions in prisons, with special attention paid to initiatives addressing overcrowding, violence and health-care services for persons deprived of their liberty.
101.5	Notes	
101.6	Accepts	National legislation must be in line and comply with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Ecuador has ratified. In that connection, the Government has established the necessary mechanisms, both in the law and in practice, to create a safe enabling environment for civil society.
101.7	Accepts	The purpose of the Government's Communications Act is to safeguard rights, including through protocols and measures for public radio stations that aim to guarantee pluralism of coverage, the independence of journalists and pundits and their freedom from government influence. Initiatives in this area are under development.
101.8	Accepts	The purpose of the Government's Communications Act is to protect freedom of the press. The Government is putting into effect its commitment to freedom of expression by working to prevent the filing of complaints of

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		slander and defamation aimed at silencing open criticism and to protect the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association through a review of articles 182, 336, 339, 345, 346 and 365 of the Criminal Code to ensure that they are formulated in an explicit, precise and detailed manner.
101.9	Accepts	Civil marriage for same-sex couples is already provided for in national law.
101.10	Accepts	Ecuador provides social security benefits through the various relevant bodies, including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, the Ministry of Education and the Ecuadorian Social Security Institute, in accordance with the Opportunity Creation Plan.
101.11	Accepts	Under the Opportunity Creation Plan, efforts have been made to offset the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and build an economic system based on solidarity and respect for human rights.
101.12	Accepts	The State has taken the actions necessary, following a human rights approach throughout, to resolve land disputes and grant titles to those lands.
101.13	Accepts	A law on voluntary termination of pregnancy was adopted on 29 April 2022. The public health-care system is currently taking steps to guarantee the right to universal, safe access to sexual and reproductive health services.
101.14	Accepts	The law on voluntary termination of pregnancy, which legalizes abortion, was adopted on 29 April 2022.
101.15	Accepts	The law on voluntary termination of pregnancy, which legalizes abortion, was adopted on 29 April 2022 and lays down the obligations of health-care providers and the State in this domain.
101.16	Accepts	In keeping with the powers of the Ministry of Education and those of the relevant agencies, as well as the amendments to the Organic Act on Intercultural Education, and given that capacity-building is under way to enable teachers to implement the comprehensive sex education curriculum, Ecuador accepts this recommendation.
101.17	Accepts	In keeping with the powers of the Ministry of Education and those of the relevant agencies, as well as the amendments to the Organic Act on

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		Intercultural Education, and given that capacity-building is under way to enable teachers to implement the comprehensive sex education curriculum, Ecuador accepts this recommendation.
101.18	Accepts	In keeping with its responsibilities and powers, the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, as the lead public finance entity, allocates the budget for institutions in accordance with the legislation in force. State entities distribute the resources in a cross-cutting manner, in accordance with their mandate and planning, with a focus on the priority group composed of children, adolescents, pregnant women, older persons, persons with disabilities, persons deprived of their liberty and persons suffering from catastrophic or highly complex diseases.
101.19	Notes	<p>COVID-19 triggered an increase in violence against women and children at the regional and global levels; the same is true of violence in various settings. Ecuador is implementing the Comprehensive Organic Act to Prevent and Eradicate Violence against Women, a legal instrument that explicitly emphasizes the State's concern about the issue and its keen interest in making the end of violence against women and girls a matter of State policy.</p> <p>The information on violence against women contained in the statistical database of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean contradicts the information provided by Ecuador reflecting the results of State policies, which the current Government is strengthening with a view to eradicating violence against women.</p>
101.20	Accepts	The Government is committed to enforcing the Comprehensive Organic Act to Prevent and Eradicate Violence against Women. For instance, training and curriculum reform are under way to mainstream assistance for victims of gender-based violence through the establishment of departments specialized in gender-based violence within the police and the prosecution service.
101.21	Accepts	Through the various ministries, the Government is developing public policies to ensure the effective exercise of children's rights in keeping with the

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101.22	Accepts	Convention on the Rights of the Child. The State's ongoing commitment to guaranteeing the rights of children and adolescents is reflected in daily actions and the ratification of international instruments, such as the Convention. Article 57 of the Constitution guarantees the right to free, prior and informed consultation of indigenous communities, peoples and nationalities in keeping with the Constitution, as well as covenants, conventions, declarations and other international human rights instruments.
101.23	Notes	
