

Responses to Recommendations

Colombia

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List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/39/6:

120. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue/listed below have been examined by Colombia and enjoy the support of Colombia:

S - 120.1 Continue bringing national human rights legislation in line with international human rights standards (Azerbaijan);

S - 120.2 Commit the necessary legal, institutional and financial resources to implement the Peace Agreement without delay in order to achieve sustainable peace (Australia);

S - 120.3 Include measures aimed at ensuring increasing efficiency and accountability of public service into its national development agency (Azerbaijan);

S - 120.4 Continue its efforts to address gaps in the implementation of relevant policies and legislations in promoting and protecting human rights (Bhutan);

S - 120.5 Strengthening the role of the national reporting and follow-up mechanism (Egypt);

S - 120.6 Strengthen the Follow-up Mechanism in the National Framework of Human Rights in order to follow up the implementation the recommendation from the UPR and other mechanisms (Paraguay);

S - 120.7 Continue to progressively implement the provisions of the National Strategy for Human Rights Protection (Lebanon);

S - 120.8 Continue to implement UPR recommendations through inclusive participation of all stakeholders, inter alia, the national human rights institution and civil society (Myanmar);

S - 120.9 Continue peacebuilding efforts by taking all stakeholders on board (Nepal);

S - 120.10 Continue to mobilize resources and seek the necessary assistance to enhance its capacity to guarantee the promotion and protection of human rights (Nigeria);

S - 120.11 Increase transparency in its government procurement procedures, through for example, public tenders (Republic of Korea);

S - 120.12 Employ the ongoing dialogue process with the ELN guerrilla as an opportunity to insist on the necessity of concluding a humanitarian accord to protect the civilian population in places of conflict (Austria);

S - 120.13 Allocate appropriate funds in the national budget, and maintain adequate institutions to put gender equality at the centre of development and peacebuilding efforts (Canada);

S - 120.14 Continue to implement the Peace Agreement with particular on: transitional justice, truth and reconciliation; the rights of victims, the needs of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities; and the reintegration of former combatants (Canada);

S - 120.15 Continue the dialogue process with the National Liberation Army for a successful political outcome from the conflict, with a special consideration for the situation of children and adolescents (Chile);

S - 120.16 Continue to protect and promote human rights, including within the framework of the Peace Agreement (Egypt);

S - 120.17 Ensure the effective implementation of the Final Agreement for the End of the Conflict and the Building for a stable and durable Peace, prioritizing human, technical and financial resources as necessary in strict application of the principles of transparency, participation and accountability (Uruguay);

S - 120.18 Continue to redouble efforts to achieve the full implementation of the Peace Agreement (Peru);

S - 120.19 Continue implementing actions contributing to the elimination of any form of discrimination or exclusion (Cuba);

- S - 120.20 Advance the implementation of public policies that strengthen the right to equality and non-discrimination, especially among vulnerable groups (Dominican Republic);
- S - 120.21 Redouble efforts to combat racial discrimination, especially against Afro-descendant populations (Nigeria);
- S - 120.22 Invest additional efforts in fighting all forms of discrimination, in particular against children, women, Afro Colombians and representatives of indigenous people (Serbia);
- S - 120.23 Take further steps and effectively implement the existing measures aimed at protecting LGBTI persons from discrimination and violence (Czechia);
- S - 120.24 Continue and step up efforts to combat stereotypes regarding, and prejudice against, LGBTI persons (Iceland);
- S - 120.25 Establish mechanisms to obtain disaggregated data on ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity making it possible to design effective public policies that are non-discriminatory and meet the needs of marginalized population groups (Mexico);
- S - 120.26 Ensure that the design and implementation of development plans are consistent with popular and prior consultations and in line with international standards (Mexico);
- S - 120.27 Develop alternative penal procedures to control prison overcrowding (Turkey);
- S - 120.28 Strengthen prison policies and conditions of imprisonment (Peru);
- S - 120.29 Adopt effective measures to reduce prison overcrowding in accordance with international norms (Algeria);
- S - 120.30 Strengthen efforts to protect activists and investigate alleged human rights violations and abuses, including by implementing guidelines set out in the Attorney-General directive 002/2017 (Australia);
- S - 120.31 Ensure effective justice for all survivors of sexual violence in armed conflict, committed by legal and illegal armed actors (Croatia);
- S - 120.32 Review and strengthen mechanisms for effective information sharing to ensure judicial investigations of killings, threats and intimidation faced by individuals in the peace process (Denmark);
- S - 120.33 Promptly hold accountable those responsible for attacks on human rights defenders and members of vulnerable groups (United States of America);
- S - 120.34 Intensify efforts to investigate and prosecute all those responsible for extrajudicial killings, including commanders (United States of America);
- S - 120.35 Continue the internal institutional processes in the light of the democratic process, transitional justice and respect for human rights (El Salvador);
- S - 120.36 Guarantee continuity in the application of the law of victims and land restitution, as well as the measures of comprehensive reparation to the victims of the internal armed conflict (El Salvador);

S - 120.37 Ensure that judicial authorities conduct, in accordance with international law standards, full, prompt and impartial criminal investigations and prosecutions of crimes under international law and human rights abuses against human rights defenders (Finland);

S - 120.38 Combat impunity for the crimes committed during the conflict by guaranteeing the independence of justice (France);

S - 120.39 Improve the effectiveness of the procedures for the restitution of lands despoiled during the conflict by increasing the resources of the competent institutions (France);

S - 120.40 Undertake effective measures to fight the widespread impunity and especially investigate and prosecute human rights violations and infractions of international humanitarian law by, inter alia, increasing the number of judicial police officers, prosecutors and judges dealing with such crimes (Germany);

S - 120.41 Ensure that all perpetrators of attacks and threats against human rights defenders are brought to justice (Montenegro);

S - 120.42 Continue to guarantee sufficient funding for the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, the Truth Commission and the Special Unit for Finding Missing Persons for the duration of their mandates and guarantee the conditions that enable them to operate independently (Netherlands);

S - 120.43 Implement the Transitional Justice System, the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition and the Unit for the Search of Persons declared as Disappeared as agreed in the Peace Agreement (Norway);

S - 120.44 Ensure access to justice for victims of armed conflict, particularly the women and indigenous people, and guarantee their right to truth and comprehensive reparation (Philippines);

S - 120.45 Increase efforts to realize provisions on transitional justice in the peace agreement with FARC, especially on the establishment of a functional special court for peace (JEP) (Republic of Korea);

S - 120.46 Continue to make progress in ensuring that human rights violations are investigated, judged and punished by using criminal procedures to avoid impunity and to ensure the application of International Law and International Humanitarian Law principles (Spain);

S - 120.47 Introduce alternative methods to detention to reduce prison occupancy rates and step up efforts in implementing the “Nelson Mandela Rules” and the “Bangkok Rules” (Thailand);

S - 120.48 Continue substantial efforts to consolidate the policy of peace, the entrenchment of democracy and the rule of law, an indispensable factor for the exercise and respect of human rights (Togo);

S - 120.49 Enhance relevant investigative and victim support expertise in the judicial system to increase prosecutions in cases of conflict related sexual violence and reduce the high impunity rate for such cases (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

S - 120.50 Take further steps to investigate and duly punish human rights violators (Argentina);

S - 120.51 Redouble efforts to investigate threats and acts of violence against human rights defenders and punish perpetrators of such acts (Argentina);

S - 120.52 Take further measures to guarantee reparations for child victims of the conflict and ensure access to justice for victims of sexual violence, including Indigenous and Afro-Colombian women, and women living in rural areas (Australia);

S - 120.53 Improve its land restitution processes in order to provide timely justice for victims, as previously recommended (Australia);

S - 120.54 Continue efforts to improve the rehabilitation and reintegration of landmine victims as well as to promote awareness programmes for mine risk (Myanmar);

S - 120.55 Ensure that human rights defenders are protected while carrying out their important work and the judicial authorities conduct full and impartial criminal investigations so that perpetrators are held accountable (Austria);

S - 120.56 Recognize and actively support the work of human rights defenders, including women human rights defenders, with specific measures to put an end to impunity for the violence committed against them and ensure the effective implementation of the existing protection mechanisms (Belgium);

S - 120.57 Strengthen the Program on Prevention and Protection that includes victims of armed conflicts, human rights defenders, journalists, Trade Union leaders, land claimers and political leaders (Plurinational State of Bolivia);

S - 120.58 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 (Canada);

S - 120.59 Take effective measures to combat the killing of human rights defenders and bring the perpetrators to justice (Congo);

S - 120.60 Strengthen the existing mechanisms for the protection of human rights defenders, focusing on rural areas and territories where illicit economies flourish (Costa Rica);

S - 120.61 Take the necessary measures to increase the political participation of women, in particular in legislative bodies (Costa Rica);

S - 120.62 Step up efforts to prevent killings and attacks on human rights defenders and ensure full investigation of these crimes (Czechia);

S - 120.63 Work with civil society to strengthen protection for members of vulnerable communities by implementing effective collective protection schemes tailored to ethnicity, gender and regional circumstances (United States of America);

S - 120.64 Protect, in collaboration with civil society, human rights defenders (France);

S - 120.65 Ensure that activists, human rights defenders and other social and community leaders, especially in rural areas, are equally and effectively protected also in view of the current challenges facing the implementation of the Final Peace Accord, by inter alia ensuring an effective presence of government institutions in all areas of the country (Germany);

S - 120.66 Consider establishing a protection programme for women rights defenders, taking into account their needs and realities from a gender-differentiated perspective, and allocate adequate financial and human resources for its implementation (Ghana);

S - 120.67 Ensure the continuation of current measures to safeguard the work of human rights defenders and the ongoing judicial investigations into the murders of human rights defenders (Uruguay);

S - 120.68 Continue to promote actions, through the National Reincorporation Council, to consolidate the efforts of reintegration and political participation (Dominican Republic);

S - 120.69 Continue efforts to strengthen the institutional framework to protect and guarantee the work of defenders and social leaders (Dominican Republic);

S - 120.70 Take all measures to protect human rights defenders and ensure that perpetrators of threats and attacks are brought to justice (Ireland);

S - 120.71 Take steps to ensure effective protection of human rights defenders as well as of persons belonging to minorities and indigenous peoples (Italy);

S - 120.72 Take further measures to prevent systematic violence against local leaders and human rights defenders, improve individual and collective protection of those at risk, and focus on investigating and prosecuting the intellectual authors of the threats and killings (Netherlands);

S - 120.73 Prevent and investigate all attacks against human rights defenders and community leaders (including, trade unionists, indigenous leaders and environmentalist defenders) and bring those responsible to justice (Norway);

S - 120.74 Give greater consideration to human rights defenders, including female defenders and youth-led organizations engaged in the defence and promotion of human rights (Poland);

S - 120.75 Effectively ensure the safety of human rights defenders, including by conducting detailed investigations on the attacks against them (Republic of Korea);

S - 120.76 Reinforce measures to protect human rights defenders and to fight impunity for attacks against human rights defenders (Slovenia);

S - 120.77 Ensure that human rights defenders are able to carry out their work free from intimidation, threats, harassment and attacks and to guarantee their safety, especially those working in rural conflict-prone areas (Sweden);

S - 120.78 Advance in the recognition and protection of human rights defenders, avoiding their criminalization and fighting against the impunity (Spain);

S - 120.79 Fully implement the existing law pertaining to women's participation in elections (Sweden);

S - 120.80 Develop in a participatory manner differentiated measures for collective protection in relation to the communities concerned (Switzerland);

S - 120.81 Implement a comprehensive protection system for human rights defenders, especially for Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities, backed by public statements that promote the role of human rights defenders (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

S - 120.82 Ensure the effective participation of women in the implementation of the Peace Agreement in line with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (Ukraine);

S - 120.83 Ensure participation of women in the implementation process of the contents the Peace Agreement (Afghanistan);

S - 120.84 Intensify efforts to address more systematically the human rights violations related to drug trafficking and organized crime (Cyprus);

S - 120.85 Pursue efforts to implement legal and policy measures on trafficking, labour and exploitation of children (Gabon);

S - 120.86 Continue to implement measures to counter trafficking in persons and other forms of modern slavery (Holy See);

S - 120.87 Strengthen the implementation of preventive measures and capacity building, as stipulated in its National Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons 2016-2018 (Indonesia);

S - 120.88 Intensify efforts to reduce trafficking of persons (Iraq);

S - 120.89 Continue efforts to enhance international, regional and bilateral cooperation with countries of origin, transit and destination to prevent trafficking in persons through information exchange aimed at prosecuting traffickers (Maldives);

S - 120.90 Continue efforts to combat human trafficking (Morocco);

S - 120.91 Intensify its efforts through bilateral, regional and international cooperation with countries of origin, transit and destination to prevent human trafficking by exchanging information and harmonizing procedures to prosecute traffickers (Algeria);

S - 120.92 Enhance cooperation at the regional and multilateral levels to address trafficking in persons (Guyana);

S - 120.93 Fight more effectively against child trafficking and Afro-Colombian people (Senegal);

S - 120.94 Step up the actions taken to combat human trafficking especially women (Angola);

S - 120.95 Continue the efforts to combat trafficking in human beings (Tunisia);

S - 120.96 Increase training and capacity to deliver the National Action Plan on human trafficking, specifically techniques to identify patterns in cases of children and women victims, which lead to investigation and prosecution of the responsible criminal groups (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

S - 120.97 Continue efforts aimed at eliminating child labour (Georgia);

S - 120.98 Promote equal employment opportunities between men and women and reduce the wage gap between them (Iraq);

S - 120.99 Continue to promote economic and social sustainable development, eradicate poverty and raise people's living standard (China);

S - 120.100 Continue to invest in, and expand the coverage, of such poverty reduction programmes to cover the most vulnerable groups, including older persons (Singapore);

- S - 120.101 Continue to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations, especially in areas of chronic insecurity with pockets of extreme poverty (France);
- S - 120.102 Continue taking positive measures to better protect people's rights to education, health, employment and others (China);
- S - 120.103 Pursue social reforms to reduce the gap between urban and rural areas (Gabon);
- S - 120.104 Strengthen efforts at addressing the situation of food insecurity particularly in the Atlantic and Pacific Region (Guyana);
- S - 120.105 Make maximum effort to ensure the access of the population of regions in complicated internal political situations to justice, health and education (Russian Federation);
- S - 120.106 Implement and strengthen programs to reduce maternal mortality, with emphasis on the rural population, Indigenous Peoples and people of African Descent (Brazil);
- S - 120.107 Continue to take concrete measures to reduce high ratios of maternal and infant mortality by improving access to quality health services (Sri Lanka);
- S - 120.108 Allocate additional human and financial resources to achieve goals for the reduction of maternal mortality, especially in conflict-torn rural areas, with due attention given to indigenous women (Honduras);
- S - 120.109 Improve access to health services with a view to reducing infant mortality rate particularly among indigenous groups and to ensure vaccination on schedule for children (Thailand);
- S - 120.110 Redouble efforts to provide access to healthcare in rural areas, especially areas with indigenous and Afro-Colombian populations (Honduras);
- S - 120.111 Ensure that women and adolescents have access to sexual education and free and friendly reproductive health services (Honduras);
- S - 120.112 Strengthen health information services, particularly with regard to sexual and reproductive health, and ensure that they are accessible to young people and persons with disabilities (Mexico);
- S - 120.113 Guarantee universal access to health and education services for adolescents and children of both sexes (State of Palestine);
- S - 120.114 Guarantee full access to safe abortion, within the existing legal framework, in all regions of the country (Denmark);
- S - 120.115 Ensure universal access to health services for adolescent girls and boys. (Ghana);
- S - 120.116 Ensure the implementation of the Resolution of the Health Ministry based on a dialogue with civil society and persons with disabilities, to guarantee appropriate and dignified access to sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls with disabilities (Uruguay);
- S - 120.117 Provide access to basic healthcare, especially in the rural areas, so as to reduce maternal and infant mortality (Holy See);

S - 120.118 Strengthen cultural development to seek the social transformation and cultural changes that the country requires in order to advance in national reconciliation (Cuba);

S - 120.119 In follow up to the recommendations 116.28 and 116.111 from the second cycle, increase investments in the field of public education for afro-descendant minorities (Haiti);

S - 120.120 Improve access to, and the quality of, education for children, especially for those living in rural areas and those belonging to minorities (Holy See);

S - 120.121 Continue the ongoing efforts to establish and strengthen the education plan in the field of human rights (Qatar);

S - 120.122 Further strengthen efforts to enhance education to improve literacy rates (Sri Lanka);

S - 120.123 Redouble efforts to eliminate structural discrimination against women in society via a global strategy with concrete, effective measures to reduce discriminatory stereotypes (Honduras);

S - 120.124 Continue efforts to achieve equality and prevent discrimination against women and strengthen the legal framework for their protection (Lebanon);

S - 120.125 Continue efforts to combat discrimination and violence against women (Morocco);

S - 120.126 Intensify efforts to improve the rights of women in all aspects of life by effectively addressing deep-rooted gender stereotypes as well as sexual and gender-based violence (Namibia);

S - 120.127 Continue efforts to combat discrimination against women and to protect women against all forms of violence (Tunisia);

S - 120.128 Redouble efforts to ensure in practice, progress towards gender equality as enshrined in legislation (Uruguay);

S - 120.129 Strengthen its legislative and institutional framework to effectively combat sexual and gender-based violence (Côte d'Ivoire);

S - 120.130 Combat impunity in cases of violence against women and strengthen the effective implementation of the existing policies in this field, especially regarding access to justice and health care (Belgium);

S - 120.131 Step up efforts to protect women's rights by all actors in situations of conflict, including taking effective measures to address the prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls, particularly rape (Botswana);

S - 120.132 Pay special attention to the most vulnerable part of the population, in particular, women and children who mostly suffered from the conflict (Ukraine);

S - 120.133 Continue the fight against gender-based discrimination and violence, improve the mechanism of prevention of victims (Czechia);

S - 120.134 Strengthen administrative, legislative and judicial mechanisms to ensure women's right to live free from violence and discrimination, in accordance with international human rights standards (Finland);

- S - 120.135 Better combat sexual and gender-based violence and ensure access to justice for victims (France);
- S - 120.136 Step up efforts to further promote women's rights and prevent sexual violence (Georgia);
- S - 120.137 Ensure that the voices of women victims of sexual violence are heard and that they can participate under equal conditions in all the implementation of the Peace Agreement (Iceland);
- S - 120.138 Strengthen administrative, legislative and judicial mechanisms to ensure women's right to be free from violence and discrimination, in accordance with international human rights standards (Iceland);
- S - 120.139 Intensify efforts to address violence against women and continue to work to ensure full application of the laws against the perpetrators of such violence (Ireland);
- S - 120.140 Step up efforts to prevent sexual violence against women and children and strengthen measures for the rehabilitation of boys and girls affected by armed conflict (Italy);
- S - 120.141 Make progress in the prevention and eradication of the different forms of violence against women and children (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- S - 120.142 Continue to tackle sexual violence against women to ensure protection of women's rights (Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- S - 120.143 Continue taking effective measures to prevent sexual violence against women; and ensure that all cases of sexual violence are investigated and perpetrators are brought to justice in a timely manner and victims are provided with support, including medical and psychosocial services (Malaysia);
- S - 120.144 Strengthen measures to prevent and punish domestic violence and violence against women, including by improving the investigation, prosecution and prevention of rape and sexual violence against girls (Norway);
- S - 120.145 Continue its efforts to implement legal protection measures for women-victims of all forms of violence and to ensure that their voices, especially in the cases of sexual violence, are heard (Poland);
- S - 120.146 Further strengthen its legal framework to protect women's rights, in particular to combat sexual violence and domestic violence (Singapore);
- S - 120.147 Strengthen the mechanisms to guarantee the right of women to live a life free of violence and discrimination and ensure the application of the gender approach in the implementation of peace agreements (Spain);
- S - 120.148 Fight impunity and prosecute those responsible for violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, against women and girls (Sweden);
- S - 120.149 Continue measures to effectively combat sexual and gender-based violence (Nepal);
- S - 120.150 Continue assistance and promotion on women's empowerment in both public and private sectors (Lao People's Democratic Republic);

S - 120.151 Ensure the real and effective participation of women in the implementation of the Peace Agreement (State of Palestine);

S - 120.152 Continue its efforts to effectively apply the Child and Adolescence Code (Equatorial Guinea);

S - 120.153 Continue to implement the measures aimed at developing and strengthening the institutional framework with a view to protecting and ensuring the rights of the children (Romania);

S - 120.154 Ensure that the rights of children and adolescents, in particular, those who have been victims of forced recruitment and used by illegal armed groups are fully protected and that their special vulnerability is taken into account during their reincorporation into civil society (Austria);

S - 120.155 Strengthen targeted rehabilitation and reinsertion programs for demobilized children and adolescents from the FARC, in line with international standards and principles provided for in the Peace Accord (Belgium);

S - 120.156 Strengthen programs aimed at processing the cases of girls recruited by armed groups who have been victims of sexual or gender-based violence (Costa Rica);

S - 120.157 Take further measures to protect and safeguard all rights of children (Namibia);

S - 120.158 Formulate a national plan to address violence against children that will include aspects of prevention, protection and reparations and that will aim at strengthening families (Poland);

S - 120.159 Continue to adopt all measures to ensure the Children and Adolescent's Code's effective implementation (Portugal);

S - 120.160 Continue the efforts to protect children from sexual exploitation (Tunisia);

S - 120.161 Intensify efforts to end the recruitment of children and adolescents by illegal armed groups and to ensure the reintegration and rehabilitation of demobilized children (France);

S - 120.162 Intensify efforts to counter the practice of forced recruitment of children (Italy);

S - 120.163 Continue to strengthen efforts to prevent the recruitment and exploitation of children and provide them all forms of support and care and assistance (Lebanon);

S - 120.164 Continue to give the priority to the rights of the child in all areas of the Peace Agreement's implementation (Qatar);

S - 120.165 Improve the treatment provided to victims of mine, especially children and adolescents (Angola);

S - 120.166 Redouble efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against minorities and indigenous peoples (Congo);

S - 120.167 Strengthen measures to combat more effectively discrimination against people of African descent and indigenous people (Senegal);

S - 120.168 Take and implement further measures to protect minority groups, including indigenous and Afro-Colombian peoples, against racial and other discrimination (Namibia);

S - 120.169 Combat discrimination against Afro-Colombians and indigenous people, and against people with disabilities, especially women and children (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

S - 120.170 Continue the process of restitution of land and territorial rights to the indigenous communities, peasants and other people working in rural areas (Plurinational State of Bolivia);

S - 120.171 Provide adequate funding, in consultation with the communities concerned, to ensure the full implementation of the Ethnic Chapter of the 2016 Peace Agreement (Haiti);

S - 120.172 Take all necessary measures to protect and assist Afro-Colombian authorities and organizations in the advancement of their collective demands in relation to the restitution of their lands (Haiti);

S - 120.173 Ensure that indigenous and rural communities can express their free and informed consent prior to any measure that may affect their lives and their ancestral land (Holy See);

S - 120.174 Continue strengthening the mechanisms for prior consultation with indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, as well as popular consultations, in light of the Peace Agreement (Peru);

S - 120.175 Guarantee timely access to justice for indigenous peoples, Afro-Colombians and Romani people, as well as redouble efforts to ensure the full participation of the Afro-Colombians in institutions and decision-making (State of Palestine);

S - 120.176 Review mechanisms enabling effective participation in decisions of the State, particularly for indigenous and Afro-Colombians communities (Switzerland);

S - 120.177 Expedite the adoption of implementing regulations regarding the rights of persons with disabilities (Indonesia);

S - 120.178 Further promote the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples, particularly in the core sectors (Niger);

S - 120.179 Harmonize legislation to fully respect the rights of people with disabilities, especially the right to health (Peru);

S - 120.180 Take necessary action to ensure the enrolment of persons with disabilities at all levels of education (Afghanistan);

S - 120.181 Continue making every effort to ensure safe, dignified and sustainable return of displaced persons to their homes (Azerbaijan);

S - 120.182 Increase its efforts to protect and safeguard the human rights of the civilian population in border areas, within the framework of international cooperation (Ecuador);

S - 120.183 Intensify the Government presence in the rural areas whose communities are victims of abuses, such as forced displacement, as well as targets of violence perpetrated by criminal organizations (Italy).

121. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue/listed below have been examined by Colombia and have been noted by Colombia:



N - 121.1 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Austria) (Denmark) (Germany) (Niger) (Portugal) (Togo) (Turkey) (Zambia);

N - 121.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and establish the corresponding national preventive mechanism (Brazil);

N - 121.3 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Chile) (Ghana) (Peru) (Slovenia);

N - 121.4 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, establish a national preventive mechanism accordingly and effectively investigate reported acts of torture (Czechia);

N - 121.5 Consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Sri Lanka) (Tunisia);

N - 121.6 Adhere to Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Spain);

N - 121.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Germany);

N - 121.8 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Niger) (Portugal);

N - 121.9 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Chile);

N - 121.10 Consider becoming party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Cyprus);

N - 121.11 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Portugal) (Zambia);

N - 121.12 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Togo);

N - 121.13 Ratify other international human rights treaties to which it is not yet a state party (Philippines);

N - 121.14 Accede to and fully implement the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (Philippines);

N - 121.15 Accept the request from the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women to undertake an official mission to the country shortly (Uruguay);

N - 121.16 Implement two recommendations which Colombia accepted linked to Special Procedures to invite Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (Zambia);

N - 121.17 Introduce a comprehensive definition of racial discrimination in its legislation, in accordance with article 1 of the ICERD (Botswana);





N - 121.18 Adopt in its legislation a definition of racial discrimination in line with article 1, paragraph 1, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Côte d'Ivoire);

N - 121.19 Redouble efforts to decrease overcrowding in prisons of 47,8 % and address the precarious health care situation in those institutions (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 121.20 Ensure that there is no impunity and those responsible for political crimes are punished including those for "false positives", for more than five thousands mass graves found and more than nine thousands of victims of paramilitarism (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 121.21 Respect due process and the right to defence of persons deprived from their freedom, especially those who are in such condition because of the critical political and social situation (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 121.22 Take effective steps to address the prolonged humanitarian crisis, caused by the armed conflict affecting millions of people, especially women and children, as indicated by the reports from the UN agencies and organisations of the civil society (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 121.23 Establish an independent and impartial application and decision-making procedure for implementing the right to conscientious objection to military service (Croatia);

N - 121.24 Prohibit corporal punishment in all settings (Namibia);

N - 121.25 Stipulate 18 years as the minimum age of marriage for all children (Namibia);

N - 121.26 Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings, including at home (Montenegro);

N - 121.27 Put in place legal measures to prevent the recruitment of children into the armed forces (Turkey);

N - 121.28 Promote efforts to establish guarantees of reparation and reintegration of Colombian refugees abroad that wish to return voluntarily to the country, through the Universal System of the Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition (Paraguay).

Voluntary Pledges & Commitments made by Colombia in the framework of the UPR

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123. Colombia assumed the following voluntary commitments:

123.1 Continue the adoption of measures required for the protection of human rights defenders in Colombia;

123.2 Continue the implementation of the Final Agreement to End the Conflict and Build a Lasting Peace between the National Government and the FARC-EP;

123.3 Continue the peace negotiation process with the ELN;

123.4 Initiate the second phase of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights;





Promoting and strengthening
the Universal Periodic Review
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123.5 Continue the promotion of a culture on Human Rights, as an indispensable base for a real reconciliation.

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