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First of all Südwind would like to criticize India for only giving the list of accepted recommendations. Although the working group has done a very good work in categorizing the recommendations there is no reference to it in the addendum.

We would like to thank India for all accepted recommendations including finalizing the ratification of the convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading treatment or Punishment.

However we are very disappointed that India didn't accept to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. As India is one of the most populated countries in the world, by ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court around one seventh of the world's population could have asked for justice if confronted with the most grave human rights violations.

Südwind is also very disappointed that India didn't accept the ratification of the optional protocol to the convention on the elimination of discrimination against women. This would have been an opportunity to limit the prevalence of violence against women and girls including burning them, acid throwing and other physical, psychological and sexual violence.

We recommend India to reconsider the recommendations that are not in the accepted list and also give a date for finalizing the ratification of CAT.