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**Item 6:
Consideration of UPR reports**

ARGENTINA

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Argentina's cooperation in this review.

We regret, however, that 13 important recommendations were not accepted, among them recommendations to ensure Indigenous Peoples' right to consultation and obtaining their free, prior and informed consent before proceeding with legal and administrative measures that may affect their rights.¹ There has been a notable increase in forestry and extractive projects, such as mega-mining, agribusiness, and oil extraction located in Indigenous ancestral territories.

We are concerned that despite passing Act 26.160, the majority of Indigenous communities do not have their lands demarcated nor titled.² We welcome Argentina's acceptance of a recommendation³ to regulate and implement the demarcation of Indigenous lands.

Amnesty International values the government's announcement at this session that it will allow Congress to discuss the decriminalization of abortion; however, we are concerned

¹ A/HRC/37/5, recommendations 107.173 (Canada), 107.175 (Estonia), and 107.178 (Norway).

² As noted by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. UN, Assembly General, Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, James Anaya, A/HRC/21/47/Add.2, 2012, p. 18.

³ A/HRC/37/5, recommendations 107.172 (Brazil).

at Argentina's rejection of all recommendations to decriminalize abortion.⁴ International human rights laws and standards are clear: women should not face criminal penalties for undergoing an abortion.

We welcome Argentina's acceptance of recommendations to guarantee the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association and the proportionate use of force by police during demonstrations.⁵ The use of force must only be resorted to with the utmost respect for the law and with due consideration for the serious impact it can have on people's lives and physical integrity.

We also welcome the State's acceptance of recommendations to protect migrants from discrimination and ensure their equal access to human rights, regardless of their immigration status.⁶ It is regrettable, however, that Argentina has at the same time rejected a recommendation to ensure that current legislation does not restrict the human rights of migrant populations.⁷

Finally, Amnesty welcomes the adoption of a National Human Rights Plan as announced during the review. In this plan we urge Argentina to take into consideration all its international commitments in order to reflect the interdependence and indivisibility of human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President,

⁴ A/HRC/37/5, recommendations 107.110 (Iceland), 107.111 (Norway, Switzerland), and 107.112 (Germany).

⁵ A/HRC/37/5, recommendation 107.74 (Germany).

⁶ A/HRC/37/5, recommendations 107.183 (Bolivia), 107.185 (Indonesia), 107.186 (Bangladesh).

⁷ A/HRC/37/5, recommendation 107.184 (Mexico).