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.