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COSTA RICA

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Thank you, Mr. President.

VIDES International and Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice (IIMA), commend the constructive participation of Costa Rica in its third Universal Periodic Review.

In particular, we welcome the acceptance of recommendations 111.136, 111.176 and 111.114 and call on Costa Rica to promptly and effectively implement them, taking in particular consideration the following areas of intervention:

In order to decrease the violence against women:

- Continue the efforts to raise awareness of women's rights and the significance of effective empowerment processes, especially in rural areas.¹

In order to reduce school dropout and eradicate child labour:

- Guarantee support to poor families especially those belonging to minority groups;²
- Ensure a more comprehensive measure to prevent child labour;
- Increase the education budget and develop strategies for motivating at-risk students, to enable them to avoid repeating a school year.³

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ Recommendation 111.136: Speed up the implementation of the National Policy for Addressing and Preventing Violence against Women, in line with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, so that the number of femicides and of women victims of domestic violence decreases rapidly and sustainably (Switzerland). Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Costa Rica, available at https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/42/12

² Recommendation 111.176 Continue adopting effective measures to combat child labour by, inter alia, ensuring that the law protecting children against economic exploitation is vigorously enforced, strengthening child labour oversight mechanisms, and increasing support for poor families so that they can keep their children in the education system. (Ireland). *Ibidem*.

³ Recommendation 111.114: Reduce early school dropout and repetition rates in secondary education, including by addressing the socioeconomic causes of these dropouts (Algeria). *Ibidem*.