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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the fourth cycle review of Mexico by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group at its 45th session in January-February 2024. As the final outcome report on the review of Mexico was recently adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 56th session, I have taken note of the efforts of your Government to implement specific recommendations since the previous review.

A matrix of thematically clustered recommendations, starting with those supported by your Government, is available at OHCHR's website (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/mx-index>) and should be considered as part of this letter. The matrix indicates the recommending State and links each recommendation to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In annex, I have also attached my Office's observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the UPR. In line with previous practice, I will be sending similar observations to all Member States once their fourth cycle UPR outcome is adopted by the Human Rights Council, with a view to follow-up action in close cooperation with national entities and other stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the support available through the Voluntary Fund for UPR Implementation, which may be activated at the request and with the consent of a concerned State, along with tools such as the "UPR practical guidance" and the "UN good practices" repository on how the UPR process supports sustainable development, available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/upr-main>, with a view to facilitating efforts to implement UPR recommendations in line with the SDGs.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
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Observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review

Mexico's commitment to international cooperation, dialogue, and scrutiny, as evidenced by the interactions with and the visits of the human rights mechanisms, is welcomed. The ratification of several human rights treaties, including key inter-American and ILO conventions, is also appreciated. Furthermore, Mexico's decision to recognize the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to receive and examine individual communications represents a significant development.

Efforts to address structural causes of inequality and promote inclusive access to health and education are noted with appreciation. Additionally, the increase in minimum wage constitutes a significant step in improving economic conditions for workers. Progress in gender equality is also notable, including a 20 per cent reduction in the gender pay gap at the municipal level. Furthermore, advancements in LGBTIQ+ rights, such as the recognition of same-sex marriage in 26 federal entities, are welcomed steps towards achieving greater inclusivity and equality.

Efforts against disappearances could be strengthened by fully implementing relevant legislation and instruments. This includes providing adequate human and financial resources and enhancing accountability mechanisms. The Government is also encouraged to intensify preventive measures against these crimes and to conduct thorough and independent investigations into all allegations of disappearance, bring perpetrators to justice, and ensure reparations to victims.

Mexico is encouraged to strengthen civil institutions' capacities to ensure citizen security. Furthermore, Mexico is also urged to build on existing efforts to protect human rights defenders and journalists by strengthening the capacity of public prosecutors to effectively investigate crimes against these groups. The national and international protection of people on the move is also of critical importance and further steps could be taken in this regard. Lastly, Mexico is invited to consider further steps to align its detention practices with international human rights standards, taking into account recommendations from various human rights mechanisms in that regard.

Mexico is also encouraged to develop an implementation plan in follow up to the UPR outcome, in close consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders, in particular the parliament, the judiciary, the National Commission on Human Rights, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations. The matrix may be of use in the development of such an implementation plan. The Government is encouraged to explicitly link each UPR recommendation to corresponding recommendations from other international and regional human rights mechanisms and to the relevant SDG and its targets. This will, in turn, facilitate the creation of synergies between UPR implementation and SDG-related actions and reporting within the context of the Voluntary National Review (VNR).



The Government is encouraged to further strengthen the national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, with the aim of ensuring a coordinated and effective approach to reporting to international human rights mechanisms, and to implementing the recommendations, in line with the guidance provided by OHCHR following regional consultations and the High Commissioner's report to the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/50/64](#)).

Further, an important measure that could positively contribute to follow-up action is voluntary mid-term UPR reporting. All Member States are encouraged to submit a voluntary mid-term UPR report in about two years after the adoption of the UPR outcome. In this regard, the Government of Mexico may wish to consider submitting a mid-term report on follow-up to the fourth cycle UPR recommendations by 2026, detailing both implementation efforts as well as challenges to implementation, including the possible need for technical or capacity-building assistance.

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