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Item 3 - ID with the Special Rapporteur on the right of development

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We welcome the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of development on his visit to Honduras.

We commend Honduras' commitment to education as a cornerstone of development as it continues to strive to improve its infrastructure especially in rural and underdeveloped communities. However, we are concerned by the fact that 40% of children are not in school.¹

In line with the Special Rapporteur's Report, IIMA and VIDES recommend to:

- 1. Increase resources and budgeting for bilingual education especially for the indigenous and Afro-Honduran communities; preserving language and cultural identity.²**
- 2. Ensure free quality education for all, by continuing the efforts to improve school infrastructures, especially those affected by natural disasters, and increasing teacher pay and training.³**
- 3. Adopt specific measures to empower girls and young women, that include promoting their participation in education and businesses and combating early pregnancies.⁴**
- 4. Adopt and effectively implement laws and reforms to protect children and women from violence and discrimination everywhere.⁵**

Thank you.

¹ Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development, UN Doc A/HRC/60/25/ADD.1, 9 July 2025, §30, p.6.

² *Ibidem*, §§ 29-57 p.6-10.

³ *Idem*.

⁴ *Idem*.

⁵ *Ibidem*, §12, p.3