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IIMA and VIDES commend Honduras for its constructive engagement in its fourth UPR. On the right to education, we highlight recommendations 117.134 and 117.135<sup>1</sup>. While acknowledging the efforts undertaken by Honduras, we remain concerned by the persisting challenges in access to quality education, insufficient bilingual education and high dropout rates.

With respect to the **rights of children and youth**, we welcome recommendations 117.98, 117.117 and 117.203<sup>2</sup>. We express our deep concern for the alarming levels of sexual violence against children, the criminalization of children in street situations, and the increasing prevalence of drug and alcohol addiction among young people.

Finally, concerning the **rights of women**, we highlight recommendation 117.176<sup>3</sup>. We are alarmed by high rates of femicide, domestic violence and sexual exploitation and we further note that services for physical and psychological rehabilitation of survivors remain insufficient.

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendations 117.134: Guarantee access to quality education by investing in school infrastructure, supplies and educational resources, particularly for poor children, Afro-Hondurans and persons with disabilities, while preventing early entry into the labour market (Thailand); 117.135 Strengthen access to quality education for all children, especially in rural and marginalized communities, by increasing public investment in schools and training of teachers and implementing inclusive educational programmes (Portugal). See Report of the UPR Working Group, UN Document A/HRC/61/12, 8 January 2026.

<sup>2</sup> Recommendations 117.98 Further expand inclusive social protection schemes and targeted poverty reduction initiatives to ensure sustainable access to essential services – particularly with regard to health, education and clean water – for children, women and other vulnerable populations (Viet Nam); 117.117 Guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health services and develop a comprehensive, multisectoral national strategy for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy, ensuring inter-institutional coordination and sustained implementation (Uruguay); 117.203 Strengthen measures aimed at preventing the sale and sexual exploitation of children, particularly by organized criminal groups, taking an approach based on the protection of the rights of children and adolescents (Peru). See Report of the UPR Working Group, UN Document A/HRC/61/12, 8 January 2026.

<sup>3</sup> Recommendation 117.176 Continue to strengthen legislative and policy frameworks to combat violence against women and girls, including improved access to justice and support services for victims and survivors and continuous awareness-raising initiatives (Philippines). See Report of the UPR Working Group, UN Document A/HRC/61/12, 8 January 2026.

IIMA and VIDES recommend Honduras to:

1. Ensure the right to education by guaranteeing inclusive, bilingual, digital and human rights-based education, including through improved infrastructure, adequate teacher training, and fair remuneration for educators.
2. Prevent and eradicate violence, abuse and child labour, and enhance comprehensive protection measures to ensure that all children can grow up in a safe and healthy environment.
3. Ensure effective implementation of the existing legal framework to prevent and combat violence against women, and reinforce the justice system to enhance access to remedies, accountability, and trust in public institutions.

I thank you.