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Theme: B51 Right to an effective remo	edy		
118.24. Take concrete and effective actions to implement the existing legal framework and to tackle the widespread impunity for crimes related to sexual violence (Sweden); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 118 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section IV	Noted	B51 Right to an effective remedy F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women	Partially implemented: As described in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the ECPAT/Renacer report impunity in sexual exploitation of children (SEC) cases is still widespread: Although the national legal system is in general more than adequate to address SEC, the weak link is the enforcement of the law. Many SEC cases are never reported or recognised. In particular, cases of online child sexual exploitation and child, early and forced marriage remain mostly unreported. Cases are often wrongfully qualified as sexual abuse instead of exploitation. It is important to strengthen reporting and victim identification mechanisms. Reporting mechanisms should not compromise the security of the victims. The enactment of law No. 1329 and no. 1336 in 2009 have heightened the awareness of SEC among the justice sector officials. Thanks to a major effort by the judicial authorities to train their officers and provide appropriate conditions for the access of victims to justice, there has been an increase in reporting of cases. However, the process of investigation, prosecution and conviction remains slow with procedures to conviction sometimes taking up to four years. Many municipalities and departments lack staff and other resources necessary for investigations and judicial processes.

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116.36. Continue its efforts to introduce a human rights perspective in business and trade (Philippines); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	B6 Business & Human Rights Affected persons: - general	Partially implemented: As described in paragraph 22 of the ECPAT / Renacer report, <i>The Code</i> is an important prevention (and protection) mechanism against sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism. <i>The Code</i> is promoted by ECPAT, Organización Mundial del Turismo and UNICEF and is a certification of tourist businesses that fulfil a standard of care on child protection. In Colombia, the certification system is managed by Renacer (ECPAT Colombia). Companies can adopt <i>The Code</i> voluntarily, but at the same time are complying with a legal government requirement. Companies can implement their own codes and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism monitors compliance to <i>The Code</i> . The Code is a very positive example of the government's support to introducing human rights principles in business. However, to strengthen its prevention and awareness-raising programmes, more programmes should include and articulate actions with the participation of businesses.
			The issue of CSEC was included in the framework of the initiative 'Guides Colombia', involving the State, NGOs, Companies and International Organizations. The issue of CSEC was included as one of the risks and impacts on human rights that companies must identify and manage.
			The National Plan of Action for Business and Human Rights 2015-2018 'Colombia Avanza' (4.7 and 4.8) incorporates the prevention of CSEC and the protection of the Rights of Children as corporate responsibility.
Theme: D27 Prohibition of slavery, tro	afficking		
116.61. Strengthen the trafficking prevention programmes under the national strategy to combat human trafficking 2007-2012, with particular attention to children from disadvantaged groups (Egypt); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking A42 Institutions & policies - General F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children - vulnerable persons/groups	There is currently no Action Plan specifically against SEC. There is a National Plan of Action against Trafficking 2013 – 2018. For the past two years, the National Committee and the National Family Welfare System (SNBF) have been drafting an anti-SEC policy that will be linked to the – also

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116.62. Continue its work in combating trafficking in persons, with particular attention given to children and disadvantaged groups, as envisaged in its future plan of National Strategy on trafficking prevention (Cambodia); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking A42 Institutions & policies - General F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children - vulnerable persons/groups	currently being drafted – Childhood and Adolescence policy. To date neither has been completed.
116.58. Redouble efforts against trafficking in persons, in particular through the adoption of the new National Strategy 2013-2018 (Peru); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking A42 Institutions & policies - General S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	
116.60. Strengthen its human trafficking prevention programmes in its new National Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Trinidad and Tobago); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking A42 Institutions & policies - General S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	
116.59. Continue to combat human trafficking, in particular of women, boys and girls and continue strengthening its programs to prevent trafficking, in accordance with the National Integrated Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking (State of Palestine); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking F13 Violence against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - children - women	
116.63. Continue specially its efforts to combat human trafficking (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	

Theme: D51 Administration of justice & fair trial

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116.67. Strengthen the judiciary in order to guarantee its investigation and prosecution capacity so as to ensure access to justice for all citizens, in particular victims of sexual violence (Switzerland); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial F13 Violence against women B51 Right to an effective remedy S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - women - judges, lawyers and prosecutors	Barely implemented: In 2015, the Committee on the Rights of the Child noted the "enormous challenges that child victims face to access justice effectively, and the prevalence of impunity for the alleged perpetrators in most of these cases." Lack of resource, training and capacity in the justice sector is hindering access to justice. And although Family Defenders are obliged by the Childhood and Adolescence Code (Law 1098 of 2006) to file criminal complaints on behalf of child victims, this rarely occurs. A good step forward is that the Attorney General's Office established a specialized unit for the investigation of trafficking and SEC cases in 2016.
Theme: F13 Violence against women			
116.57. Guarantee access to justice for victims of sexual violence by ensuring the effective implementation of laws on the protection of women (France); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	F13 Violence against women A42 Institutions & policies - General S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women	Same as under 116.67
116.56. Continue to work constructively to implement the laws, decrees and resolutions that have been approved to combat violence against women and girls and to guarantee access to justice for victims of sexual violence (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	F13 Violence against women F19 Girls B51 Right to an effective remedy S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - girls - women	Same as under 116.67
116.53. Strengthen its efforts in the fight to eliminate violence against women and children (Senegal); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	F13 Violence against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children - women	Not implemented with regard to SEC. Insufficient measures have bene taken to eliminate SEC.

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116.48. Enhance the protection for children, including by improving the investigation, prosecution and prevention of violence against children (Cyprus); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B51 Right to an effective remedy S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	Partially implemented: Coordination, protection and prevention of SEC need to be stepped up urgently to guarantee the rights and protection afforded in the national legal system. Please see paragraphs 15-22 of the ECPAT / Renacer report.
Theme: F33 Children: protection again	inst exploi	itation	
116.31. Continue its policy in favour of children, in particular the fight already initiated by the Government against child labour (Burundi); Source of position: A/HRC/24/6 - Para. 116 & A/HRC/24/6/Add.1 - Section II	Supported	F33 Children: protection against exploitation S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	ECPAT and Renacer (ECPAT Colombia) cannot comment on this recommendation as the government does not regard sexual exploitation as a form of child labour.