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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Ecuador led by the Hon'ble Vice President, to their second Universal Periodic Review and thanks them for their informative presentation. We applaud Ecuador's efforts in ensuring that rights of all its citizens are advanced and protected, in particular its achievements in poverty reduction and welcome the Government's commitment to continue efforts in this regard. We would encourage Ecuador to take suitable measures to further the enjoyment of the freedom of expression including the media.

2. We welcome the country's decision to restructure its justice and legal system under the supervision of an international and independent group of experts on the matter and ***recommend that Ecuador continue with this effort and ensure that measures taken in this regard are in compliance with Human Rights standards.***

3. India congratulates the government of Ecuador for the launch of the new social rehabilitation system, which goes beyond the former punitive vision of imprisonment. We take positive note of the efforts of the Government of Ecuador to build new detention facilities that comply with international standards, and the renovation, repairing and equipping of existing facilities. In this regard, ***we recommend that the government continue its efforts to improve detention conditions, especially those that aim at addressing the problem of overcrowding.***

4. We wish Ecuador a great success in its future endeavour in the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

Thank you, Madam President
