



**Human Rights Council
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Mexico
Delivered by Permanent Representative HE Lucy Duncan
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Mr Vice-President,

New Zealand **welcomes** progress made by Mexico on the decriminalisation of abortion at the federal level.

New Zealand **recommends** that Mexico:

1. Improve the operations and capacity of Women's Justice Centres and the Specialised Prosecutor's Offices for Violence against Women;
2. Effectively fulfil the rights of Indigenous Peoples to consultation, and free, prior and informed consent;
3. Reinforce the independence of the Prosecutor's Offices to eradicate impunity, including in cases of disappearance, torture, and violations against journalists and human rights defenders; and
4. Progressively remove military forces from public policing and migration control through a civilian-led transition.

We thank the delegation for their participation today and for their consideration of these recommendations.

Thank you Mr Vice-President.