



Oral Statement at the 53rd Session of the Human Rights Council

Item 6: UPR Outcomes of Argentina

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Mr. President

Edmund Rice International commends the constructive participation of Argentina in its 4th UPR and its support for 271 of the 287 recommendations received.

ERI commends Argentina for supporting recommendations to adopt a comprehensive law on juvenile justice consistent with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and international standards on juvenile justice.

While education in Argentina is recognized as a human right, ERI commends the State in supporting recommendations that urge it to ‘guarantee access to high-quality mandatory education for all children, including rural and remote areas, tackle the dropout rate of high schools and establish a strategy to combat bullying and harassment’ (134.154 - Portugal).

In line with the goals of SDG 4 – Quality Education, ERI commends Argentina on supporting recommendations that call on it to modernize the training system in place for teachers, to ensure that they are equipped with the skills and instructional tools necessary to provide quality education, and ensure that digital platforms are fully implemented in the school system for dual, in-person and online, learning (134.156; 163 - Bahamas).

It commends the State for supporting recommendations that call on it to develop a comprehensive public education policy that guarantees equal access to inclusive education in mainstream schools for children with disabilities (134.243 – Bulgaria) and continue the harmonization of domestic legislation on the rights of persons with disabilities with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (134.244 - Bulgaria).

Finally, ERI commends and urges Argentina to take proactive action before its next UPR on all 271 recommendations it has supported with a focus on Education, Rights of Children and Women, Rights of Indigenous People and ‘continue efforts to protect human rights defenders and environmental rights defenders’ (134.94; Timor-Leste).

Thank you.