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There have been positive developments in the human rights situation in Senegal since its review in January. For example, since the election of a new government that took office in April, we have noted more respect for the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

We have noted a decline in violence by security forces at demonstrations and sit-ins organized countrywide by students, workers, and political parties.

We still, however, have concerns regarding children's rights, with tens of thousands still forced to beg in the streets. The new government has not yet announced any measures to address these violations of the rights of children.

We have further concerns regarding impunity for human rights violations in the country. The former government, before leaving office, passed an amnesty law that guarantees immunity to all those involved in the grave human rights violations which resulted in at least sixty-five demonstrators being killed, and more than a thousand injured, between March 2021 and February 2024.

We urge Senegal to implement recommendations which address these important issues.

Thank you.