

Human Rights Council

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Country under Review: Canada

Statement of Afghanistan

Afghanistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Canada and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its National Report which provides an overview of developments in the human rights situation of the country.

Afghanistan take note of various initiatives taken by the Government of Canada to improve implementation of recommendations it has accepted in the first review.

The efforts undertaken by the Government of Canada to improve the socio-economic condition of the citizens, especially of the First Nations and aboriginal people in areas such as health, education, housing, protection of vulnerable people, support of older workers and persons with disability, freedom of expression and peaceful access to justice, and the issue of promoting social inclusion and equality among others is noteworthy.

Canada's focus on enhancement of mechanism and procedures related to its treaty obligation is also to be commended.

In conclusion, Afghanistan commends the work the Government of Canada has undertaken since the last UPR, and wishes the Government and people of Canada all the possible success in their continued endeavours in promoting and protecting human rights in the country.

Thank you,

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