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Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of Canada headed by .....  
We thank Canada for their report and also for the additional information given in the opening speech.

We are glad to note that as a result of the extensive dialogue with representatives of civil society and various other stakeholders, the Canadian authorities have prepared a detailed national report which objectively and truly reflects the human rights situation in the country.

Since the last UPR review, Canada has made progress in many human rights areas and implemented most of the recommendations.

Estonia would like to highlight the progress made in protecting the rights of indigenous peoples. We welcome the endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and encourage its full implementation.

We positively note the commitment of the Government of Canada by introducing a First Nation Education Act and other initiatives such as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy and the Skills and Partnership Fund. We believe that more can be done to eliminate all forms of violence against Aboriginal women and children.

Estonia would like to recommend to the Government of Canada:

- to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP-CAT);
- to take further steps to prevent and protect Aboriginal women and children from all forms of violence.

Finally, Estonia very warmly notes the active participation of Canada in the Freedom Online Coalition in global fora and active support and assistance in the implementation of the ICC's mandate.

Thank you!