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**UPR WORKING GROUP –SIXTEENTH SESSION
(22 April - 3 May 2013)**

**UPR OF CANADA – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
26 April 2013: 0900 – 1230 HRS.**

INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Canada and thank them for their National Report and its presentation.

The Committee on the Rights of the Child expressed concern about disparities in access to services by all children and the lack of prevention of child sexual exploitation in Canada. India recommends that Canada strengthens the protection of children's rights by establishing a federal Children's Ombudsman or Commission, address disparities in access to services by all children, establish mechanisms and procedures to protect the rights of child victims of trafficking and prevent child sexual exploitation by ensuring criminalisation of relevant offences.

Concern has been raised regarding an alarming pattern of violence afflicting indigenous women throughout Canada by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and CAT, CRC and CERD. In this context, India recommends that Canada takes all necessary measures to address all forms of violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

CERD had expressed concern about Bill-C4 under which any migrant and asylum seeker designated as an irregular arrival would be subject to mandatory detention for a minimum of one year or until the asylum seeker status was established. We would be

interested in knowing whether the provision of mandatory detention has been repealed or modified.

There have been reports that certain communities feel targeted, profiled and harassed by Canada's National Security Legislation. India recommends that Canada take measures to address these concerns and build confidence among such communities.

Thank you, President.
