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Recommendations by Canada

Chile

Question

Canada commends Chile for recent steps taken to address violence against women, such as recent revisions to the criminal code that facilitate prosecutions of this type of crime. Given the relatively high rates of domestic violence and violence against women in Chile, could the delegation please inform us about other concrete measures that will be taken to prevent violence against women or to assist victims?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Chile:

1. Implement measures to support the full participation of Indigenous peoples in democratic institutions and economic development.
2. Take steps to fully enforce the 2012 Antidiscrimination Act, and adopt concrete measures to reduce the risk of violence against vulnerable groups.
3. Continue to address allegations of excessive use of force by police.

Observations (if time allows):

We welcome the steps taken by Chile to support Indigenous communities by increasing land restitution in accordance with domestic legal provisions, providing economic development tools, promoting their cultural heritage, and strengthening their access to education and health.

However, we are concerned about the use of the Anti-Terrorism Law to repress criminal acts, and increased violence in the Mapuche region of Araucanía. Reports of systematic use of excessive force by the national police against members of the Mapuche group are worrying.