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Recommendations by Canada

**Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**Question**

In 2009, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia agreed to establish a legal mechanism to protect basic freedoms and human rights without discrimination, and in 2010 it adopted the Law on the Prevention of and Protection against Discrimination. Could the delegation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia inform us of the progress of the full implementation of the law?

**Recommendations**

Canada recommends that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

1. Adopt measures to raise awareness to prevent incidents of child, early and forced marriage and take steps to investigate and prosecute any cases thereof.
2. Take steps to address challenges faced by Roma women and girls in the areas of healthcare and employment.
3. Adopt measures to prevent incidents of violence on the grounds of sexual orientation.

**Observations (if time allows):**

We welcome the steps taken by the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to adopt legislative measures, strategies, and national action plans that promote human rights and freedoms.

We continue to be concerned about reports of widespread societal discrimination and prejudice against groups on the basis of ethnicity. We stress the importance for the government to take measures to protect the rights of all minorities and promote integration into society, and underline the importance of effective implementation and enforcement of existing legal and policy frameworks.