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Recommendations by Canada

Portugal

Question:

Since the last review, Portugal put in place its 4th *National Plan Against Domestic and Gender-Based Violence* (2011-2013). Could the Portuguese delegation inform us on the specific results of that plan and progress underway for the 5th iteration of this plan (2014-17), along with the specific benchmarks identified for completion?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Portugal:

1. Ensure full implementation of its *National Plans Against Domestic and Gender-Based Violence* to effectively reduce social acceptance of violence against women, including domestic violence, promote equality between women and men, eliminate stereotypes and take measures to raise awareness of existing mechanisms to prevent and combat domestic violence, including by ensuring thorough investigation and prosecution of all acts of violence against women.
2. Take specific steps to ensure prompt and thorough investigations of all allegations of excessive use of force and ill treatment by law enforcement officials including police and prison guards.

Observations (if time allows):

Canada welcomes important measures put in place by Portugal since the last review, including the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee and its inter-ministerial contributions—a measure which has enhanced dialogue with civil society.

Finally, we would like to commend Portugal on its human rights record and its constructive engagement with the Human Rights Council. Canada acknowledges and welcomes Portugal's support for human rights issues at the United Nations.