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Recommendations by Canada for Angola's UPR

Question

In 2011, Angola enacted Law 25/11 against Domestic Violence, a significant achievement in advancing the protection of women against violence. Could the Delegation of Angola inform us on progress made since enactment?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Angola:

1. Ensure full implementation of Law 25/11 against Domestic Violence and ensure there are increased protections against all forms of violence faced by women, including internally displaced and refugee women, who are among the most vulnerable.
2. Demonstrate greater flexibility and tolerance with respect to religious minorities by reforming Law 2/04 on Freedom of Religion to conform to the provisions of the Angolan Constitution, as well as international human rights obligations.
3. Ensure the protection of the rights of individuals—including members of civil society organizations, the media and the political opposition—to assemble and speak free from intimidation and harassment.

Observations (if time allows):

Canada views with significant concern domestic legislation that effectively prevents minority religious groups, in particular Muslim communities, from practising their religion.

Canada is also concerned about restrictions on freedom of the press in Angola, including reports of deteriorating conditions for journalists and private media outlets.