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## UPR 20, October 27, 2014 Recommendations by Canada for Italy

Question

Could the Delegation of Italy provide an update on efforts made since the last review to continue to improve State protections against all forms of discrimination, whether by race, ethnic origin, religion, personal beliefs and opinions, disability, age, gender, and sexual orientation and gender identity?

## Recommendations

Canada recommends that Italy:

1. Accelerate and strengthen legislative and educational actions to combat discrimination in all its forms, particularly discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual orientation.

2. Include sexual orientation as grounds for protection against hate speech.

Observations (if time allows):

We are concerned about reports on the status of full inclusion into Italian society of several groups, particularly concerning full inclusion of women and of LGBTI persons in society and in the workplace.

We welcome the important efforts being made by Italy to address the issue of violence against women and girls. Given continued reports of cases of violence against women and girls, we urge Italy's continued action to prevent violent acts.

