



**UPR 21 - January 22, 2015  
Recommendations by Canada for Armenia's UPR**

**Question:**

In 2010, Armenia agreed to put in place measures to ensure full respect for the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and to create a more amenable climate for investigative journalism. Could the Delegation of Armenia inform us of steps and measures undertaken to implement this recommendation?

**Canada recommends that Armenia:**

1. Take steps to strengthen the rule of law and independence of the judiciary by promptly and thoroughly investigating all threats and incidents of violence against government opposition members and their supporters.
2. Take steps to ensure that allegations of ill treatment of persons detained by the security and police forces are fully investigated and that perpetrators are held accountable.
3. Enact specific legislation that prohibits discrimination against persons based on sexual orientation.

**Observations**

We welcome steps taken by Armenia to address racism and xenophobia during its chairmanship of the Council of Europe in 2013, including hosting the high-level conference on "Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance in Europe". Canada is concerned by recent violent incidents in Yerevan involving attacks on political activists and opposition politicians. We call on Armenian authorities to conduct an effective and impartial investigation to bring the perpetrators to justice without delay.