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Recommendations by Canada for Lesotho's UPR

Question

In 2010, Lesotho agreed to enact legislation to address domestic violence. Could the Delegation inform us of measures undertaken to implement this recommendation and address the issue of domestic violence?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Lesotho:

1. Repeal legislation criminalizing consensual same-sex relations between adults.
2. Include in the Constitution and other legislation, provisions prohibiting discrimination against women in matters such as adoption, marriage, divorce, devolution of property, burial, or death.
3. Review and update laws that could lead to self-censorship, such as the Seditious Proclamation and the Internal Security (General) Act, to ensure compliance with international human rights obligations.

Observations

Canada welcomes Lesotho's commitments to promote and protect human rights and we encourage Lesotho to continue following up on legislative steps taken to establish a Human Rights Commission in line with the Paris Principles. This Commission will be an important tool to protect and promote human rights of all persons, including the rights of women and children.