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Recommendations by Canada for Turkey's UPR

Canada warmly welcomes the Turkish delegation and its participation in the UPR process.

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Turkey:

1. Remove restrictions on freedom of expression under Article 26 of the Constitution.
2. Amend Law No. 5651, widely known as the Internet Law, to ensure the right to seek, receive, and impart information in the exercise of freedom of opinion and expression.
3. Ensure the protection of all the components of the right to freedom of religion or belief, as protected under the ICCPR, including by withdrawing its reservation to article 27 on minority rights.
4. Strengthen anti-hate and anti-discrimination legislation in the Turkish Penal Code, specifically Article 122, by prohibiting hate crimes and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Observations

Canada applauds Turkey for being the first country to sign and ratify the Council of Europe Convention against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women.