



**UPR 22, May 13, 2015**  
**Recommendations by Canada for Jamaica's UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

**Recommendations**

Canada recommends that Jamaica:

1. Take effective measures to investigate and prosecute all incidents and acts of violence targeting individuals based on sexual orientation.
2. Further strengthen the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) in line with international standards by amending the Coroner's Act to include INDECOM as an interested party to an inquiry into a death, and reforming the INDECOM Act to settle challenges from the police to INDECOM's jurisdiction and mandate.
3. Amend regulations related to arrest and detention by the Jamaican Constabulary Force, so that they clearly define the rights of detainees, strengthen judicial oversight of arrests, and provide specific remedies for breach of duty.
4. Sign and ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

**Observations**

Canada welcomes the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice of Jamaica in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat toward the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in Jamaica and we encourage continued efforts in this area.