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Recommendations by Canada

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Canada recommends that Liberia:

1. Continue its efforts to fight against violence against women and girls, in particular, female genital mutilation, and adopt legislation criminalizing this harmful practice.
2. Repeal sections of the Penal Code that criminalize sexual activities between consenting adults of the same sex and withdraw the two bills currently before the House of Representatives that would further criminalize same-sex relations.

Observations (if time allows):

Canada would like to acknowledge the concerted efforts of the Liberian government and people in the fight against the Ebola virus and to offer our deep condolences for the losses Liberia has suffered. With the scaling back of the UN Mission to Liberia, the government will have to play a greater role to increase the promotion and protection of human rights and security and safety of its people.

Canada urges Liberia to continue its efforts to promote equality between men and women and to fight against violence against women and girls, particularly female genital mutilation. Liberia has a number of international human rights obligations with respect to female genital mutilation, yet the practice is not punishable by law.