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**Recommendations by Canada for Panama's UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

**Recommendations**

Canada recommends that Panama:

1. Take measures to ensure the effective implementation of legislation to eliminate violence against women, including by thorough investigation and prosecution.
2. Bring its legislation into conformity with its commitment to equality and non-discrimination, by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.
3. Take further measures to prevent the murder of women by their partners, prosecute perpetrators, and improve awareness of the issue.

**Observations**

Canada welcomes the steps taken by Panama to implement the new adversarial criminal justice system which should contribute to reducing the high rate of pre-trial detention and we encourage its implementation in the rest of the country.

We applaud the passing of the Law 82 of 2013 which defines the murder of women by their partners as an offence and penalizes violence against women.

Canada appreciates Panama's efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its citizens and commends Panama for progress to date. Canada encourages Panama to continue to implement outstanding recommendations and voluntary commitments accepted during its first UPR.