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Recommendations by Canada for the Republic of Nauru's UPR

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Nauru:

1. Reschedule the postponed visit of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to Nauru.
2. Implement effective measures against domestic violence, including spousal rape, bring perpetrators to justice, and develop public education campaigns in this area.
3. As accepted during the previous Universal Periodic Review of Nauru, take the necessary steps to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
4. Ensure that all criminal law provisions, including Article 244A of the Criminal Code, which imposes harsh penalties for a wide range of legitimate expression, are fully consistent with the enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

Observations

We welcome the steps taken by Nauru to strengthen its national human rights framework, most notably toward ratification of outstanding international human rights treaties, despite resource constraints.

We encourage Nauru to continue to strengthen the legal protection of human rights, particularly the elimination of gender-based violence, by reviewing and implementing revisions to the Criminal Code to explicitly protect against all forms of gender-based and family violence.

We also ask that Nauru make public the report by the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as proposed by the Subcommittee following its May 2015 mission to Nauru.