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Recommendations by Canada for Nepal's UPR**

Recommendations:

Canada recommends that Nepal:

1. Take necessary measures to ensure that Nepal's Constitution guarantees full equality between men and women with respect to the nationality of their children, in accordance with Article 9(2) of the CEDAW, which Nepal has ratified.
2. Ensure the independence and impartiality of the judicial system, in particular through efforts to guarantee that the Judicial Council operates without interference from the Executive Branch of government.
3. Ensure that law enforcement thoroughly investigates all claims of domestic violence, and that perpetrators are prosecuted.
4. Take steps to ensure that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Commission on Disappearances function in accordance with international standards, and bring the perpetrators of serious human rights violations to justice.

Observations:

Canada welcomes the progress on democratic reforms since Nepal's first Universal Periodic Review, and congratulates Nepal on the promulgation of its new Constitution on September 20, 2015. In particular, Canada would like to commend Nepal's efforts towards ensuring equality of LGBT persons.

Canada recognizes Nepal's significant efforts to reform its legal framework, which represent progress in the promotion and protection of human rights. We strongly encourage Nepal to consolidate implementation of these measures, including through the engagement of all stakeholders.

Canada reiterates its condolences regarding the devastating earthquake and aftershocks that struck Nepal in April and May this year. We encourage Nepal to ensure that its reconstruction efforts meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable,

including through the speedy adoption and adequate resourcing of the dedicated national action plan to end the practice of child, early and forced marriage.