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Recommendations by Canada for the Sultanate of Oman's UPR

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Canada recommends that Oman:

1. Amend the provisions of the Nationality Law to ensure women are granted equality with men in conferring nationality to their children.
2. Ensure that all criminal law provisions, including Articles 126, 135 137 and 173 of the Penal Code, which impose harsh penalties for a wide range of legitimate expression, are fully consistent with the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
3. Accede to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, and ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Observations:

Canada welcomes Oman's efforts to strengthen the participation of women during the 2011 and 2015 Shura Council elections, and the establishment within the Ministry of Social Development of a committee to monitor the Oman's compliance with the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

We are, however, concerned about the undue limits imposed on freedom of opinion and expression in Oman, particularly with regard to media, as well as on freedom of assembly and association. We stress the importance of taking appropriate measures to protect these fundamental human rights.