## UPR23, November 5, 2015 Recommendations by Canada for Saint Lucia's UPR

## **Recommendations:**

Canada recommends that St. Lucia:

- 1. Promptly follow up on the findings of the independent investigation into extrajudicial police shootings over the period of 2010-2011 in order to hold those responsible to account and to ensure rule of law.
- 2. Implement the recommendation of the Director of Public Prosecutions and adopt legislation allowing for prosecution of perpetrators of domestic violence without victim-lodged complaints.
- Implement the recommendations of its Constitutional Reform Committee and establish separate legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- 4. Strengthen implementation of its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child by adopting legislation based on the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States model Children (Care and Adoption) Bill, model Status of Children Bill, and model Child Justice Bill.

## **Observations:**

In 2011, St. Lucia accepted Canada's UPR recommendation to ensure the prompt, thorough investigation of alleged acts of violence against individuals because of their sexual orientation. We would like to request an update on progress in this regard.

