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**Recommendations by Canada for the Republic of Estonia's UPR**

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Canada recommends that Estonia:

1. Build on efforts to address all forms of violence against women by enacting specific laws that prohibit domestic and sexual violence, including intimate partner violence, and by investigating all allegations of violence, prosecuting perpetrators, and ensuring victims are protected and have access to medical and legal services.
2. Develop and implement public awareness campaigns and education programs to promote diversity and inclusion, while combatting racism and xenophobia.
3. Thoroughly investigate and prosecute all acts of violence against ethnic and racial minorities and vulnerable groups, including LGBTI persons, and enact legislation on hate crimes based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. Respect the right to vote of all inmates.

**Observations**

Canada commends Estonia for its ratification of the convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2012.

Canada recognizes the ratification of the Registered Partnership Act, which provides for the registered cohabitation of same-sex couples in Estonia. Canada encourages its full and timely implementation.

Canada acknowledges Estonia's passing of amendments to the Citizenship Act in January 2016 that grants citizenship to children fifteen years old and younger born to stateless parents, and makes more flexible the language requirements for elderly candidates to gain Estonian citizenship