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Recommendations by Canada for the Republic of Latvia's UPR

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Latvia:

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, xenophobia and homophobia.
3. Continue to strengthen enforcement of anti-trafficking legislation by investigating and prosecuting offenders, while also reinforcing the mechanisms of support, rehabilitation, protection and redress for victims.

Observations

Canada commends the simplification of procedures for acquiring Latvian citizenship, including granting Latvian citizenship to children born to non-citizens and stateless persons.

Canada acknowledges Latvia's ratification in 2012 of Protocol No. 13 to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances.