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

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Canada recommends that Mozambique:

1. Accelerate the implementation of alternative measures to detention through the adoption of legal and policy measures outlined in articles 88, 89 and 102 of the Penal Code; and ensure that children and adolescents in detention facilities are separated from adults, in accordance with Mozambique's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
2. Take measures to ensure that all state security forces in Mozambique, including law enforcement and the Armed Forces, comply with domestic and international human rights standards; and ensure prompt, thorough investigations, and prosecution where the evidence warrants, of all allegations of human rights violations, including torture.
3. Strengthen mechanisms to prohibit discrimination against vulnerable groups, including persons with albinism; and ensure non-discrimination on applications for accreditation by civil society organizations, including organizations such as LGBT Association of Mozambique (LAMBDA).
4. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, as committed to by Mozambique during its 2011 UPR.

**Observations**

Canada recognizes Mozambique's adoption of a new Penal Code in 2015 as a positive step towards implementing its UPR commitments. Much remains to be achieved in the application of reforms to prison conditions and law enforcement conduct. We suggest that a new Criminal Procedure Code be promptly enacted to implement alternatives to imprisonment, particularly for young offenders, as a way to decongest prisons.

Canada commends Mozambique for taking action to decriminalize same-sex conduct under its revised Penal Code, and encourages Mozambique to work with all stakeholders to promote diversity and inclusion.

Canada encourages Mozambique to continue to take concrete steps to eliminate child, early and forced marriage, building on the *National Strategy to Prevent and Eliminate*

*Child Marriage (2015-2019)*, which includes the amendment of the Family Law to enforce the minimum age of marriage to be 18 years without exception.

Canada congratulates Mozambique on being declared landmine-free. We hope that it will share the good practices and lessons learned with other States.