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

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Canada recommends that Namibia:

1. Take measures to prevent all incidents of violence against women, in particular in rural areas; ensure effective interventions by law enforcement officials responding to allegations of violence committed by intimate partners; and prosecute perpetrators.
2. Allocate the resources necessary for the full implementation of the “Zero Tolerance Campaign against Gender Based Violence, including Human Trafficking”, as committed to by Namibia during its 2011 UPR.
3. Given documented allegations and related court decisions in Namibia concerning the sterilization of women living with HIV/AIDS without their informed consent, issue clear directives to health officials to prohibit this practice, building on the 2013 report of the *Presidential Commission of Inquiry* that investigated the operations and the conditions of health facilities in Namibia.

**Observations**

Canada commends Namibia for its commitments to set targets for improving human rights promotion and protection, to address violence against women, and to protect children - particularly from child marriage - by launching the first *Human Rights National Action Plan* (2014), the *National Plan of Action on Gender-Based Violence* (2012-16), and by passing the *Child Care and Protection Bill* (2015).

Canada acknowledges Namibia's commitment to eradicating poverty through the *Participatory Poverty Eradication Drive*. We encourage continuing efforts in this area to create an environment that attracts investment and creates employment.

Canada is concerned about Namibia's Cabinet decision to withdraw from the International Criminal Court, and encourages consideration of the implications on important investigations on crimes against humanity and genocide.