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

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Canada recommends that Singapore:

1. Review the use of anti-defamation laws and the registration process for civil society and associations to ensure that such laws are consistent with the right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and do not constitute a *de facto* ban on peaceful public demonstrations.
2. Enact comprehensive legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status or disability.
3. Remove discriminatory media guidelines in order to provide a more balanced representation of LGBTI persons and promote open discussion on sexual orientation and gender identity.
4. Introduce legislation to make marital rape illegal in all circumstances, as previously recommended.

**Observations**

Canada acknowledges the steps taken by Singapore to address the issue of human trafficking through its accession to the UN Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Protocol. We also commend Singapore on its ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Canada notes that issues remain to be addressed by Singapore for migrant labourers with respect to access to information and legal protection and rights, as well as high placement and training fees.