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Recommendations by Canada for Hungary's UPR

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Hungary:

1. Ensure that its legal framework and actions concerning asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants comply with Hungary's international human rights obligations, including with regard to procedural safeguards. This includes repealing those amendments to Hungary's Asylum Law, Law on Criminal Procedure and Criminal Code that are inconsistent with its international human rights obligations.
2. Seek alternatives to detaining asylum seekers and migrants, particularly children. Take immediate and effective measures to ensure that conditions of detention are fully consistent with UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
3. Take effective measures to ensure the Hungarian National Police and the "hate-crimes expert net" improve the enforcement of laws against hate crimes, including by allocating sufficient resources; undertaking thorough investigations and prosecution; and by providing regular, specialised training for front-line law enforcement personnel and members of the judiciary.
4. Protect persons who are marginalized and most vulnerable from intolerance, xenophobia, and other forms of discrimination.

Observations

Canada remains very concerned by reports of intimidation and reprisals in Hungary against human rights defenders and those who express criticism of the government. It is imperative that human rights defenders are able to work without fear of, and are protected from, retaliation.