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**Recommendations by Canada for Samoa's UPR**

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Canada recommends that Samoa:

1. Investigate and prosecute all allegations and incidents of acts of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence. Implement targeted training for law enforcement, and engage with community leaders in the development of public education campaigns.
2. Provide members of the Samoa Police Service with training on the human rights of accused and detained persons, and ensure that provisions made for food, water and sanitation at detention facilities meet UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
3. Repeal laws that criminalise consensual same sex-conduct, and prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas of public life, including employment, health and education, bringing Samoa's legislation into conformity with its commitment to equality.

**Observations**

Canada welcomes the introduction by Samoa of legislative provisions in 2013 which require Parliament to have at least five female representatives, and notes with satisfaction the unprecedented election of five women MPs at the 2016 general election, which included the election of Samoa's first female Deputy Prime Minister. We encourage Samoa to continue to work towards increasing the participation of women in political processes.

Canada acknowledges the establishment of Samoa's National Human Rights Institution in 2013, a body whose creation followed recommendations at Samoa's first Universal Periodic Review, and encourages Samoa to continue to give due consideration to its findings.