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**Recommendations by Canada for St. Vincent and the Grenadines' UPR**

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Canada recommends that St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

1. Undertake a public advocacy campaign to combat gender-based violence, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.
2. Implement targeted training for law enforcement officials on responding to cases of domestic violence, and ensure that all allegations are fully investigated.
3. Take steps to ensure the provision of adequate shelter, including staffing and durable resources, for victims of domestic violence.
4. Take immediate steps to bring conditions at all detention facilities, including Her Majesty's Prison and Fort Charlotte Prison, into line with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
5. Take measures to reduce the backlog of cases before the courts in order to ensure that justice is served promptly and efficiently and that accused persons are guaranteed due process.

**Observations**

Canada commends St. Vincent and the Grenadines on its passing of the *Domestic Violence Act* in 2015. We encourage the full and prompt implementation of its provisions.