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**Recommendations by Canada for Trinidad and Tobago's UPR**

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Canada recommends that Trinidad and Tobago:

1. Strengthen and expand policies, protections and programs addressing gender-based violence and sexual exploitation of children, provide targeted training to law enforcement, and ensure survivors are protected and have access to medical and legal services.
2. Amend the Equal Opportunity Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited grounds for discrimination, as part of a proactive strategy to promote respect for the dignity and rights of all individuals.
3. Enact comprehensive prison and related judicial reform to ensure that conditions of detention are in conformity with UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, including but not limited to: addressing overcrowding and sanitary issues in prisons; providing sufficient resources for rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners; and relieving the judicial backlog that has contributed to the detention of over 2,000 people in remand awaiting a trial, many who have been in custody for several years.
4. Repeal the death penalty, as previously recommended.

**Observations**

Canada is encouraged by the commitment of Trinidad and Tobago to amend the Police Complaints Authority Act, aiming to give the Police Complaints Authority more powers to effectively investigate serious misconduct, corruption and criminal offences involving police officers. We encourage swift consideration in Parliament of new provisions as well as law enforcement training and public education initiatives to ensure effective implementation.