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**Recommendations by Canada for Finland’s UPR**

Canada thanks Finland for its presentation, congratulates Finland on its 100th anniversary of independence this year, and applauds its continued commitment to strengthen and improve human rights both at home and abroad.

Canada recommends that Finland:

1. Mobilize adequate resources to complete its Second National Action Plan on Fundamental and Human Rights.
2. Establish a national coordination unit and provide adequate financial and other support for the implementation of the *Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence*.
3. Remove the requirement of infertility or sterilisation before an individual may change their gender on legal documents.

**Observations**

Canada commends Finland for its continued commitment to improve respect for human rights in Finland, and its efforts to strive for the principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunities, and transparency.

Canada congratulates Finland on the number of recommendations accepted including the voluntary pledges made during its Second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and encourages the full implementation of these recommendations.