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**Recommendations by Canada for the Philippines’ UPR**

Canada thanks the Philippines for its presentation and welcomes the passage of the *Reproductive Health Act* and the *Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act*. We encourage their full and immediate implementation.

Canada recommends that the Philippines:

1. End extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, illegal arrests and detention, torture and harassment, including by effectively implementing criminal prohibitions against extrajudicial killings.
2. Adopt measures to prevent, eliminate and end impunity for all forms of sexual violence, including by improving the investigation and prosecution of sexual offences and ensuring that penalties are applied consistently.
3. Strengthen the protection of children’s rights, including by maintaining a minimum age of 15 years for criminal liability, and raising the age of sexual consent to 16 years old.
4. Refrain from reintroducing the death penalty.

**Observations**

As recommended in the Philippines’ 2012 Universal Periodic Review, Canada urges the Government of the Philippines to dismantle and disarm paramilitary groups. Canada also urges the Government of the Philippines to stop the militarisation of ancestral lands of Indigenous peoples, improve their access to health and social services, and reform the criminal justice system to address the pervading climate of impunity.