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**Recommendations by Canada for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland’s UPR**

Canada thanks the United Kingdom for its presentation and commends the U.K. for its overall strong record on human rights at home and abroad, including leadership to address trafficking in persons, and notably, the introduction of the *Modern Slavery Act* and the Scottish *Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act*.

Canada recommends that the United Kingdom:

1. Conduct a full review of the effectiveness of the 2016 hate crime action plan, and review approaches by criminal justice agencies under the current legal framework in order to address reports of increasing hate crime in the United Kingdom.
2. Encourage the devolved government of Northern Ireland to align its legal framework on sexual and reproductive health and rights, and its reproductive health services, with the rest of the United Kingdom.
3. Review current prison safety and conditions and consider developing an action plan to address increases in self-harm and suicide as well as overcrowding in prisons in the United Kingdom.

**Observations**

Canada commends the United Kingdom for its international efforts on preventing sexual violence in conflict.

With the United Kingdom preparing to exit the European Union, Canada emphasizes the importance of maintaining existing standards and legal protections for human rights.