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**CANADA’S STATEMENT – GERMANY UPR44**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada commends Germany’s efforts to manage an influx of more than one million refugees as a result of Russia’s full-scale illegal invasion of Ukraine, and appreciate Germany’s efforts to support the long-term prospects for its residents, citizens and non-citizens alike.

Canada recommends that Germany:

1. Improve data collection best practices for hate crimes, in order to better document and prosecute the increasing number of acts of violence against members of visible minorities.
2. Continue efforts to promote comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights, including by removing all barriers to safe and legal abortion services and post-abortion care.
3. Recognize under family law unmarried couples in established relationships, both opposite-sex and same-sex.

**Observations (if time allows)**

Canada commends Germany for abolishing Paragraph 219a of the Criminal Code, which previously prohibited doctors from providing information on abortion services.

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