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**Canada’s Intervention**

Thank you, Mister President.

Canada welcomes Nigeria’s adoption of a ‘handover protocol’ in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict.

Canada recommends that Nigeria:

1. Repeal the Same-sex Marriage Prohibition Act of 2013 along with other criminalising provisions against LGBTI persons and enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation barring discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.
2. Assign human and financial resources to the institutions charged with implementing the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act of 2015.
3. Investigate allegations of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity committed by the Nigerian military, Boko Haram, and other armed groups, and bring the perpetrators to justice.
4. Encourage the domestication of the Child Rights Act in the remaining states without such legislation, with provisions on prevention and elimination of child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting.