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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Canada’s intervention**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by the Dominican Republic to protect girls and adolescents by issuing Law 1-21 that bans early marriage.

Canada recommends that the Dominican Republic:

1. Take effective measures to fully protect the rights of women and girls, including their sexual and reproductive health and rights, by addressing sexual exploitation and abuse and reducing adolescent pregnancies.
2. Adopt policies and programs to protect the rights of LGBTI persons and to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. Take steps to effectively implement Law 169-14 to protect the fundamental rights of all individuals born in the Dominican Republic, including the offspring of undocumented foreigners, through established migration and nationality regularization processes.
4. Ensure due diligence and fair process in migrant returns, reinstate the procedure for the regulation of all temporary migrant workers, and adopt a labor mobility mechanism.