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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada appreciates Eritrea’s efforts to re-engage regionally, including its return to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. Nevertheless, deep concerns persist over broad restrictions on human rights, including the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

Canada recommends that Eritrea:

1. Take measures to protect the rights of journalists and human rights defenders; release those detained for exercising their rights; and cease the use of enforced disappearances, torture, and arbitrary and indefinite detention.
2. Immediately withdraw its troops from northern Ethiopia to end human rights violations committed by the Eritrean Defence Forces accountable for human rights violations in Tigray, including conflict-related sexual violence; and
3. Ensure the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea has unhindered access to Eritrea, and develop a strategy to address areas of concern that reflect recommendations made by Special Procedure mandate holders.