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**Universal Periodic Review of Dominica**

**7 November 2024**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of Dominica to its fourth UPR. We thank Dominica for its national report and the information provided today.

Estonia welcomes the decision of the High Court of Dominica to decriminalize consensual same-sex relations. We acknowledge the efforts by Dominica to address trafficking in persons, including through the criminalization of such practices. We recognize the progress made on sexual and reproductive health and measures taken to protect women from violence. We welcome the fact that Dominica has a *de facto* moratorium on the use of the death penalty and we encourage Dominica to establish an official formal moratorium on executions.

We would like to recommend to Dominica to:

* prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings;
* decriminalize access to safe abortion services in cases of rape, incest, severe foetal impairment, and when a woman’s physical or mental health is at risk, in line with international human rights standards;
* ensure that adolescents have access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, including contraception and sexual education, regardless of their parents’ consent;
* ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);
* ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Estonia wishes Dominica a successful review.

Thank you.