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**Recommendations by Canada for Argentina’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes Argentina’s active participation on international human rights issues and its willingness to receive visits from the UN and the OAS human rights mechanisms. In particular, we welcome Argentina’s leadership towards open government and transparency initiatives at the national and municipal levels and congratulate Argentina for its role in hosting various human rights-related international conferences in Buenos Aires in 2016 and 2017.

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Argentina:

1. Continue addressing domestic violence through education, awareness campaigns, services to victims, and the effective application of the law against perpetrators, as well as by considering elevating the National Council of Women to a full ministry.
2. Enact pending legislation that would provide women legal access to fulsome reproductive health services, including comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence, safe and legal abortion, as well as post-abortion care.
3. Reduce protracted pre-trial detentions by encouraging alternatives to detention in all possible cases and by ensuring more expedient court processes.
4. Enhance participation of and consultation with indigenous persons and communities on public policies affecting them, including with regard to national resource exploitation and territorial claims, taking into account relevant provisions in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Observations

Canada encourages Argentina to implement national campaigns on diversity and to take legislative measures to ban racial profiling in law enforcement in order to further address discrimination against migrants, minorities, Afro-descendant and Indigenous peoples, women, and children.