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**Canada’s Recommendations for Ghana’s UPR**

Thank you Mr. President.

Canada welcomes Ghana’s continued commitment to gender equality, which resulted in President Akufo-Addo’s recognition as “African Union Gender Champion” for 2017.

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Ghana:

1. Take steps to fully implement the National Strategic Framework for Ending Child Marriage and allocate adequate resources to the Ending Child Marriage Unit within the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.
2. Scale up and extend the outreach of its health programs for youth-friendly and gender sensitive comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health and rights.
3. Take measures to prevent, and ensure accountability for, any crimes motivated by sexual orientation or gender identity and demonstrate leadership on promoting acceptance and respect.
4. Adopt the Right to Information Bill, building on its efforts to improve good governance, accountability and transparency.

Observations:

Canada welcomes the steps taken by Ghana to address the issue of child labour, notably by the development of a National Action Plan for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour. We encourage Ghana to take measures and allocate adequate resources to ensure its full implementation.