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

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Denmark to improve gender equality and LGBTI-rights, including introducing consent-based rape legislation and an action plan to strengthen equal opportunities.

Canada recommends that Denmark:

1. Refrain from shifting its asylum and protection obligations to third countries and ensure adequate protection in law and practice for asylum seekers.
2. Refrain from using ethnic background as the basis for national housing policies.
3. Hold social media companies to account when illegal user-generated content is not addressed in a timely fashion.
4. Introduce legislation to protect residents of Greenland against discrimination on all recognised grounds, within and outside the labour market, including establishing an independent appeals board.

Canada welcomes Denmark’s positive initiatives to combat hate crime, including training courses for the National Police, but remains concerned about unregistered hate crimes. As recommended during Denmark’s last UPR, Canada urges Denmark to ensure targeted training of law enforcement to strengthen capacity to conduct special investigations, accurately register complaints and reflect victims’ perspectives.