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**Canada’s recommendations for Latvia’s UPR**

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada thanks Latvia for its presentation and applauds its actions taken during the reporting period.

Canada recommends that Latvia:

1. Close remaining gaps in their legal framework to prohibit all forms of gender-based violence, particularly intimate partner violence. This includes investigating all allegations, prosecuting perpetrators, ensuring victims have access to medical, legal and rehabilitation services, and implementing targeted awareness-raising campaigns.

1. Continue to implement public awareness campaigns and education programs, along with specialized training for authorities, to explicitly address hate speech and hate crimes stemming from homophobia, racism and xenophobia.
2. Continue enforcement of anti-trafficking legislation by providing relevant training to authorities, while reinforcing support, rehabilitation, protection and redress mechanisms for victims in all cases and from all backgrounds.
3. Develop and implement programs that facilitate better integration and access to labour markets for refugees and for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection, and which reconcile their respective social assistance benefits.

Canada notes the UPR submission of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, acknowledges the steps the Government of Latvia has already taken with respect to restitution of property to religious organizations and supports adherence to international standards set forth in the Terezin Declaration.