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

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada commends Mozambique’s adoption of the 2019 Law for Preventing and Combatting Premature Unions as a positive step towards implementing its UPR commitments.

Canada recommends that Mozambique:

1. Adopt measures to end human rights abuses and violations in Cabo Delgado and hold accountable those responsible.
2. Accelerate implementation of a multi-sectoral approach to eradicating domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. This includes training for law enforcement, community and religious leaders, educators, and medical personnel, as well as victim support services and holding perpetrators accountable.
3. Ensure that the protections on freedom of expression provided for under international human rights law are reflected in the text of proposed new laws governing media and broadcasting, and that these are respected in practice.