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**Recommendations by Canada for Papua New Guinea’s UPR**

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada thanks Papua New Guinea for its presentation and commends it for its implementation of the Family Protections Regulation in 2017.

Canada recommends that Papua New Guinea:

1. Continue efforts to eliminate gender-based violence, including domestic, sexual, and sorcery accusation-related violence, by strengthening accountability mechanisms and allocating sufficient budget to relevant programs.
2. Take necessary steps to ensure that hospitals and rural medical services are properly funded and accessible, particularly to those women and girls seeking medical assistance in childbirth.
3. Take immediate steps to decriminalize same-sex sexual relations between consenting adults by repealing section 2010 of the Criminal Code and pass legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. Take practical steps to ensure meaningful access to free, quality primary and secondary education for all children, including those with disabilities.

Canada urges Papua New Guinea to improve its protective services for victims of human trafficking and to provide services specifically tailored to the needs of victims.