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**Canada’s recommendations to**

**India**

Thank you.

Canada welcomes the steps taken by India to improve economic and social rights for all, including women and girls, by implementing development schemes and adopting legislation to enhance and protect their rights.

Canada recommends that India:

1. Advance the rights of women and girls by improving the enforcement of laws relating to sexual violence, investigating all acts of sexual violence, providing training to law enforcement officials on effective interventions, and expanding the definition of rape and sexual assault to include marital rape.
2. Protect freedom of religion by investigating all cases of religious violence and discrimination on religious grounds, including against Muslims, condemning these cases, and sensitizing the public on religious tolerance;
3. Strengthen media freedom by ensuring that all legislation, including the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, is compliant with India’s international obligations under human rights law.

1. Address violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, including with training and sensitization for the police and judiciary.