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

Thank you, Mr. President.

We commend Germany’s strong record on human rights and its ongoing efforts to manage a significant influx of refugees. We encourage Germany to take all possible steps to support the long-term perspectives and prospects for success in Germany of all its residents, citizens and non-citizens alike.

Canada recommends that Germany:

1. Improve access to integration services and the job market for persons who enjoy subsidiary protection; facilitate family reunification; strengthen refugee sponsorship; and enhance settlement, integration and inclusion programs.
2. Promote sexual and reproductive health and rights, including by removing barriers to safe and legal abortion services and post-abortion care.
3. Recognize under family law unmarried couples in established relationships, both opposite-sex and same-sex.

Canada praises Germany for laws and initiatives to address the issues of wage gap and political representation of women.

Canada positively acknowledges the nomination of Germany’s first federal commissioner to combat anti-Semitism.

Canada welcomes the legalization of same-sex marriage and encourages Germany to continue its efforts to implement the ruling regarding the possibility for individuals to choose their gender.