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Recommendations by Canada for Russia’s UPR

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada is deeply concerned by the deterioration of the state of human rights in the Russian Federation, and, in particular by the Government’s violations of the human rights of minorities and of human rights defenders.

Canada recommends that the Russian Federation:

1. Ensure the exercise of political competition through free and fair elections, including equitable access to the political process.
2. Revise or repeal legislation that unduly limits the freedoms of association, assembly, expression, religion or belief, including the “foreign agents” law, and the law on “undesirable organizations”.
3. Prevent and investigate beatings, threats and trials based on dubious charges – of human-rights defenders, journalists, political actors and civil society.
4. Investigate promptly, thoroughly and impartially instances of hate-based violence, including reports of mass detentions, torture and killings of LGBTI individuals in Chechnya in 2017.

Canada reiterates that Russia must cease violations of the human rights of minorities and human rights defenders on the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula.