**UPR 31, November 12, 2018
Recommendations by Canada for Monaco’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the steps taken by Monaco to enhance legal protections offered to same-sex couples.

Canada recommends that Monaco:

1. Open discussions with civil society groups and stakeholders on the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls, repeal discriminatory legislation and decriminalize elective abortion.
2. Adopt mechanisms that regulate and promote equality between men and women, particularly in relation to pay equity, the participation and representation of women in the workplace.
3. Adopt a civil union agreement that grants equal rights from that of marriage to unmarried partners.

We welcome the steps taken to reduce discrimination against foreign workers by adopting new legislation in 2016 that allows French nationals of the region to work remotely. We also note the Principality’s positive contribution to helping and assisting the most vulnerable populations in developing countries.