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Recommendations by Canada for Malta’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Malta to protect and strengthen LGBTI rights. We also welcome the adoption of a number of laws, strategies and policies to deal with human rights issues, particularly with regards to women’s rights and migrants. While there has been much progress since the last UPR, additional measures could be adopted in certain areas.

Canada recommends that Malta:

1. Adopt measures to ensure the full respect and implementation of its international obligations relating to gender-based violence, including through appropriate training of the police force and the judiciary.
2. Invest appropriate resources to ensure the implementation of existing strategies relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including ensuring access to safe, affordable and modern means of contraception, and information related to them.
3. Work to address the shelter needs of migrants and asylum-seekers, and in particular improve living conditions in Open Centres.