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

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Thank you, Mr. President. Canada remains deeply concerned by the conflict, and recognizes that multiple actors are responsible for the serious human rights violations in Yemen.

Canada recommends that Yemen:

1. Fully cooperate with the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen in support of its mandate and fully implement the Stockholm Agreement.
2. Fulfill previously-accepted recommendations to prohibit child, early and forced marriage, including setting the minimum age of marriage at 18, and prevent forced withdrawal of girls from schools.
3. Fulfill previously-accepted recommendations to protect freedom of expression, including through amendment and enforcement of the Press and Publications Act.
4. Take steps to immediately protect journalists, human rights defenders, civil society and minorities such as the Baha’i, including from arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance and torture.
5. Establish, with international support, a program to combat gender-based violence, encompassing awareness and education campaigns, health services, shelters and financial and legal aid, in all regions.

Canada welcomes UN efforts to achieve a lasting ceasefire and inclusive and sustainable peace in Yemen.