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**Recommendations by Canada for Cyprus’ UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Cyprus to advance gender equality, including creating a Strategic Action Plan on Gender Equality and a technical committee to implement the plan. Canada congratulates and thanks Cyprus for joining the Equal Rights Coalition which we currently co-chair with Chile. While there has been much progress since the last UPR, additional measures could be adopted in certain areas.

Canada recommends that Cyprus:

1. Take measures to combat discrimination against the LGBTI community and consider legal measures that would punish incitement to hatred on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. Take concrete action to ensure greater human rights protection of domestic foreign workers, for example, improving oversight of working conditions to prevent labour exploitation in the domestic sector.
3. Strengthen its support for intercommunal dialogue and activities.