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**Recommendations by Canada’s for the Dominican Republic’s UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada thanks the Dominican Republic for its report and welcomes the positive steps taken to protect human rights by issuing the National Plan for Human Rights in December 2018.

Canada recommends that the Dominican Republic:

1. Take effective measures to protect girls and adolescents from early marriage, sexual exploitation and teen pregnancy, including by investigating and prosecuting all acts of sexual violence against women and girls, and providing training to national and local law enforcement officials as well as personnel working in the tourism sector.
2. Take steps to protect the fundamental rights of all individuals born in the Dominican Republic, including the offspring of undocumented foreigners who have not yet received their Dominican nationality as stipulated by Law 169/14 and who may be still at risk of becoming stateless as a consequence of Constitutional Tribunal ruling 168/13.
3. Implement policies and programs to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, including by ensuring that medical workers and police respect the rights, protect the health, and ensure the safety of LGBTI individuals.
4. Investigate all allegations of the use of excessive force and extrajudicial killings by law enforcement agents and ensure they receive training on the appropriate use of force so as to prevent deaths and casualties.