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**Recommendations by Canada for Brunei Darussalam’s UPR**

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Canada is seriously concerned that the government is moving towards increasingly inhumane treatment of both citizens and non-citizens found guilty of certain crimes through the Syariah Court.

Canada recommends that Brunei Darussalam:

1. Suspend the Syariah Penal Code and make comprehensive amendments to reflect its obligations under international law.
2. Decriminalize sexual activity between same-sex consenting adults and ensure the protection of human rights for LGBTI persons is in conformity with its human rights obligations.
3. Lift its reservations to Article 9 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
4. Renounce the use of the death penalty under both the Civil and Syariah Penal Codes.
5. Promote freedom of religion and belief, including by increasing access to religious literature, places of worship and public religious gatherings for non-Muslims and non-Shafi’I Muslims.