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**Recommendations by Canada for the Commonwealth of Dominica’s UPR**

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Thank you Mr. President.

Canada thanks the Commonwealth of Dominica for its presentation. We commend its progress achieved since the last review with regard to people with disabilities. We remain, however, very concerned by high rates of sexual violence against women and children, including within families, as well as by the persistence of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Canada recommends that the Commonwealth of Dominica:

1. Implement a public advocacy campaign to combat sexual violence against women and children, including appropriate training for law enforcement, educators, and medical personnel, as well as effective support and accountability for victims.
2. Advance protections for LGBTI persons by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, or gender identity.
3. Take further steps to advance the rights of people with disabilities through the implementation of social programs.
4. Adopt legislation to abolish the death penalty.

Canada welcomes Dominica’s efforts to address human rights concerns, as it faces the ongoing challenges of post-hurricane reconstruction. We encourage Dominica to continue to strive towards full implementation of the UPR recommendations.