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**Canada’s recommendations for Italy’s UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the many important measures adopted by Italy since its last UPR, including the legalization of same-sex civil unions and the adoption of legislation to combat violence against women.

Canada recommends that Italy:

1. Accelerate efforts to establish an independent national institution for the implementation and monitoring of human rights, in compliance with the Paris Principles.
2. Adopt a national strategy to effectively counter incitement to racial hatred, discrimination and violence against specific groups, combat stereotypes, and promote intercultural understanding and diversity.
3. Adopt measures to counter gender stereotypes and attitudes that restrict or deny women’s full participation in the public and private spheres, including through awareness-raising campaigns for the general public, as well as training for education and law enforcement professionals.