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**Canada’s recommendations for Spain’s UPR**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Canada welcomes the actions taken by Spain to strengthen its protection and enforcement of human rights and equality since its last UPR, and is pleased to see progress on a new human rights strategy.

Canada recommends that Spain:

1. Ensure that immigration procedures and procedural safeguards concerning irregular immigration, refugees, and asylum seekers, particularly in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, are consistent with its international human rights obligations.
2. Ensure that sufficient resources are deployed to support incoming migrants and asylum seekers in a manner consistent with international law and respecting the principle of *non-refoulement*.
3. Review the laws pertaining to criminal offences of insulting the Crown and offending religious feelings, and review Organic Law 9/1983 and the Organic Law on Citizen Security with the objective of protecting the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.