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**Recommendations by Canada for Jamaica’s UPR**

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Thank you, Madame President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Jamaica since its last review, including the launch of a 10-year National Strategic Action Plan to Eliminate Gender Based Violence in 2018.

Canada recommends that Jamaica:

1. Strengthen efforts to eliminate gender-based violence and gender discrimination, through legislative measures, policies, and educational programmes.
2. Repeal legislation criminalizing consensual same-sex practices between adults and strengthen the legal framework to combat discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Amend the INDECOM Act based on recommendations made by the Joint Select Committee of Parliament in 2015 to give the Independent Commission on Investigations the mandate and concrete capabilities to arrest, charge and prosecute members of the security forces with unlawful killings and abuses of power.
4. Sign and ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Canada applauds Jamaica’s continued exemplary diligence regarding press freedom, and we urge the Government of Jamaica to expedite the establishment of a National Human Rights Institute with a full mandate and independence.