

Human Rights Council – 28th session – March 2015

Item 6: Consideration of the Universal Periodic Review Reports – EL SALVADOR

Statement by Action Canada for Population and Development

Action Canada makes this statement in collaboration with the Sexual Rights Initiative.

We welcome the El Salvador willingness to engage in the UPR process and its attention to sexual rights.

In particular, we welcome El Salvador's acceptance of recommendation 103.9 raised by Argentina, which calls on the government to adopt measures guaranteeing the protection of women who are victims of discrimination and violence on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender condition.

We urge the El Salvador government to consult and collaborate with local NGOs working with in these issues in the implementation of this recommendation.

We also would like to emphasize that El Salvador has received other recommendations related to LGBTI people and human rights violations based on gender identity and sexual orientation and we hope that they receive the same consideration.

We commend El Salvador's particular attention to those recommendations that address the issue of gender recognition for transgender people. We hope that the government will continue this positive engagement by adopting a Gender Identity Law, as recommended, that allow transgender people changing documents in concordance to their gender identity.

Thank you.