



This is a summary of Amnesty International's Report Card Assessment of federal government progress in meeting recommendations laid out in the organization's 2016 Human Rights Agenda for Canada, *Defending Rights for All*, which was released in December, 2015.

## YEAR ONE'S TO-DO LIST

*Defending Rights for All* presented the Trudeau government with 20 recommendations that could be carried out and completed over the course of 2016.

### PROGRESS TO DATE – YEAR ONE'S TO-DO LIST



#### **GREEN** Recommendation has been met.

- Pursue generous resettlement and champion a coordinated global response to Syrian refugees.
- Bring forward legislation to protect rights of transgender individuals.
- Launch a comprehensive process to review Bill C-51 and other national security laws.
- Repeal Bill C-24 Citizenship Act reforms.
- Co-sponsor the 2016 UN resolution calling for a global moratorium on executions.
- Amend policy to ensure clemency support for all Canadians sentenced to death abroad.



#### **AMBER** Underway, but incomplete.

- Take high-level action on behalf of Canadians and others experiencing rights violations abroad.
- Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the Arms Trade Treaty.
- Restore the Court Challenges Program.
- Revise Muskoka Initiative to include funding for the full range of sexual and reproductive health services.



#### **ORANGE** In progress, but with uncertainty or concern

- Act on existing recommendations regarding murdered and missing Indigenous women.
- Reverse the cuts and ensure access to essential health care regardless of immigration status.
- Launch consultations and conduct a credible review of human rights impacts of the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement.
- Appoint an Independent Expert to ensure redress in cases of security-related rights violations.
- Abolish the designated country of origin list for refugee claimants.
- Unreservedly support UN resolutions on the rights to safe water and sanitation.



#### **RED** Serious concerns or no progress

- Ensure major development projects like the Northern Gateway Pipeline and the Site C Dam do not proceed without Indigenous consent.
- Ensure adequate funding for First Nations children's services on reserve.
- Review the Trans-Pacific Partnership in line with UN human rights recommendations.
- Conduct and publicly release a human rights assessment of Saudi Arabia arms deal.

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

In *Defending Rights for All* Amnesty International put further recommendations in front of the government reflecting areas where a change of approach is needed that places human rights at the centre of

government action, and other recommendations that require long-term law and policy reform which would likely not be completed in the first year but need to see meaningful progress. The Report Card assesses progress with respect to a representative number of those recommendations.

### PROGRESS TO DATE – OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



#### **GREEN** Recommendation has been met.

- Embrace the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples internationally.



#### **AMBER** Underway, but incomplete.

- Put human rights at the heart of Canadian foreign policy.



#### **ORANGE** In progress, but with uncertainty or concern

- Consult and launch a public inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women.
- Include social, cultural and gender impacts in the assessment and regulation of resource development projects.
- Establish expert review and parliamentary oversight of national security agencies.
- Rein in solitary confinement to meet international human rights standards.
- Phase in higher levels of refugee resettlement.
- Carry out comprehensive review and reform of immigration detention laws and practice.



#### **RED** Serious concerns or no progress

- Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples domestically.
- Strengthen Canadian laws and policy regarding corporate accountability for human rights by appointing an Extractive Sectors Ombudsperson, legislating access to courts in cases of corporate human rights harm, and enacting a National Action Plan for the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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