

Action Canada's holiday wish list

This holiday season, Action Canada has a list of what we're asking for from new Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

- 1. Sex worker rights:** repeal sections of the Criminal Code that individually and as a whole threaten sex workers' health and safety and include sex workers in policy and law reform.
- 2. Abortion access:** Withhold cash contributions to provinces and territories that fail to ensure the availability and accessibility of abortion services, and, in developing a new Health Accord, ensure that access to abortion services in all jurisdictions complies with the requirements of international human rights law.
- 3. Mife access:** Coordinate a range of stakeholders, including Canadian Medical Association and relevant professional, training, certification and accreditation bodies to develop an effective implementation strategy for Mifegymiso that ensures access to medication abortion in rural and remote areas.
- 4. Comprehensive sexuality education:** Engage the Public Health Agency of Canada in a multi-stakeholder review of Guidelines for sexual health education.
- 5. Respect for gender identity and expression:** Introduce legislation to add real or perceived gender identity and gender expression to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act and make it illegal to willfully or publically incite hatred on these grounds in the Criminal Code.
- 6. Respect for the sexual and reproductive health of incarcerated persons:** Engage the Minister of Public Safety in implementing the Guidelines for the Implementation of Mother-Child Units in Canadian Correctional Facilities, ensuring individuals are treated with dignity, with full respect for their sexual and reproductive rights, and work on sustainable and culturally safe alternatives to criminalization and incarceration.
- 7. A global sexual and reproductive rights policy:** A policy to strategically guide Canadian foreign policy and development assistance in the area of gender, sexuality, and human rights.
- 8. 0.7% GNI:** Meet the international commitment to official development assistance, with dedicated funding towards the implementation of a sexual and reproductive rights policy.
- 9. A Clear plan for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in Canada and globally:** Develop a plan that operationalizes human principles, is well-resourced, engages a range of stakeholders and contains effective accountability mechanisms.
- 10. Canada as a global leader:** re-establish Canada as a champion of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and human rights in multilateral fora and in intergovernmental spaces.

What are you asking Trudeau for this holiday season? Tweet us @action_canada to let us know!
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