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**Statement/intervention:**
This report presents a project to enhance Canadian place names honouring women. – France believes that this type of project is very useful for taking into account the fight against discrimination of all kinds, while avoiding the pitfall of changing established names too quickly. Indeed, while the legitimacy of the fight against discrimination is proven, the objective of place name stability is just as legitimate for many reasons that are simply practical. To conciliate these objectives, it is important to highlight what has already been done and to explain the reasons, including historical ones, for names that may appear unbalanced or discriminatory, and thus help to highlight and preserve their heritage value. A rebalancing is sometimes useful as a complement, as new names are introduced. Changing certain names should be a last solution, reserved for exceptional cases.

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