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Statement of the Algerian Delegation on the UPR of Bahamas

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Mr. President;

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bahamas and thanks H.E.M.....for his thorough presentation.

We welcome the ratification of two core international human rights instruments, namely the two International Covenants (ICCPR and ICESCR), as recommended by my delegation during the last Review in 2008. The intention of the Bahamian Government to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as announced in the national report is commendable.

We encourage the Government of Bahamas to continue its efforts aiming at harmonizing the national legislation with the country's international obligations.

We take note of the progress achieved in promoting women's rights and their participation in public life. However, we are concerned about the high rate of rape and violence against women in the country.

We recommend that Bahamas strengthen its efforts and measures aiming at combating violence against women and girls.

We would like also to know if the Bahamian Government intends to revise its position regarding the transmission of nationality by Bahamian women to their children?

It has been stated in the national report that Bahamas faces challenges with its capacity to report on the treaties to which it is party.

We recommend that Bahamas seek technical assistance of the OHCHR, according to its national priority, in order to address the issue of delay in reporting on the Conventions to which it is party.

Finally, we wish all the success for Bahamas in the UPR process and in the advancement of all human rights.