

(Check against delivery)

Statement of Bangladesh delegation during the UPR of The Bahamas

Bangladesh delegation welcomes the delegation of The Bahamas among us. My delegation appreciates the national report and the presentation made by the delegation that have acknowledged also the shortcomings.

Mr. President, we are happy to note that The Bahamas has systematically addressed concerns relating to long-term social and economic development goals. It has also made significant efforts in facing its challenges and to promote and protect human rights. We welcome the legal provisions created against trafficking and for protection of victims. We also commend the high enrolment percentage in the primary education as achieved by the country.

Mr. President, my delegation acknowledges the challenges and constraints faced by The Bahamas. Like my country, The Bahamas is vulnerable to natural disaster and climate change. Global warming and its resultant erratic climate behavior pose a serious threat to the countries like ours. The Bahamas is also challenged by capacity in enforcing and reporting under its international treaty obligations. We hope that with the help of international community the country will be able to overcome these challenges.

Mr. President, my delegation has noted the concerns expressed by various Treaty Bodies. In particular, we have noted the concern expressed at the deep-rooted stereotypes regarding the roles, responsibilities and identities of women and men.

My delegation would like to recommend to the government of The Bahamas:

1. To Strengthen efforts to eliminate discrimination against women; and
2. To Enhance efforts to ensure safety and rights of children.

Nahida SOBHAN