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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, led by ....., and thank for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia would like to commend the Bahamas for withdrawing the reservation to Article 16(1) of the CEDAW. My delegation has also positively noted that the Bahamas acceded to the ICESCR and the ICCPR in 2008. The Bahamas should also be credited for launching various initiatives to combat violence against women, including the campaign "Domestic Violence is Everyone's Business" in 2012. At the same time, noteworthy is also the reported primary education net enrolment rate increase.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. While welcoming a de facto moratorium on capital punishment since 2006, we **recommend the Bahamas to take steps towards a full abolition of the death penalty, commuting existing death sentences to life imprisonment terms.**
2. **To consider ratification of the third OP to the CRC on a communications procedure.**
3. **to ensure that Bahamian women are able to pass their nationality to their children on equal footing with men, including by withdrawing the reservation to the Article 9 (2) of the CEDAW.**
4. **To consider a ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its Agreement on Privileges and Immunities.**

I thank you, Mr. President.