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Statement of the Algerian Delegation

on the UPR of Barbados

Geneva, 25 January 2013

Mr. President;

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

We welcome the commitment of Barbados to the protection and promotion of human rights despite the challenges and constraints it has to deal with. We noted that Bahamas signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has undertaken measures aiming at adapting the national legislation to the international standards.

We recommend that Barbados ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities already signed in 2007 as well as the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (OP CRC- AC and OP CRC- SC).

In the context of the developments occurred since the last review of Barbados in 2008, we would like to highlight particularly the adoption of the national policy on the rights of older persons, the several measures undertaken to alleviate poverty in the country, the efforts aiming at ensuring gender equality and the efforts in the field of combating racial discrimination.

My delegation took positive note of the progress made in combating HIV, particularly within the framework of the National AIDS Strategic Plan 2008-2013. However, as stated in the report, HIV remains a major threat to the continued development of Barbados.

We recommend that Barbados continue and further intensify the programs on combating HIV/AIDS.

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