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Intervention of Bangladesh on UPR of Barbados

Bangladesh delegation welcomes the delegation of Barbados. We commend the presentation of the national report by the delegation. The report contains important information to understand and appreciate the actions taken by the government of Barbados in its efforts to implement the recommendations it received during its first cycle of review.

Mr. President,

The national report reveals that, like many developing countries, the social and economic circumstances of Barbados have been adversely affected by the prevailing global economic conditions. It is a matter of grave concern to witness the impact of the prolonged global recession on the economies of small states like Barbados. We therefore, commend the efforts of Barbados for the efforts they have made in its stride towards the promotion and protection of human rights. We are happy to note the commitment of the Government to curb all forms of violence against women. The interventions made at the legislative, programmatic and educational level to this end, are welcome. We are also happy to note the government has made Gender mainstreaming an integral part of the mandate of the Bureau of Gender Affairs, as a means of promoting the empowerment of women and achieving gender equality.

My delegation also commend the government for recognizing its shortcomings. The prevailing gender stereotype continues to create challenges and promote obstacles to bridging the gap between the inequalities of men and women. In view of the commitments shown by the government of Barbados, we believe that the country will be able to face the challenges.

Mr. President, My delegation would like to recommend that Barbados:

1. Enhance its efforts to eliminate gender stereotyping
2. Continue its efforts to eradicate poverty.