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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Barbados for their national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

We take note the view of the Government of Barbados on the issue of signing and ratifying international instruments as conveyed in the addendum of the Report of the Working Group on the UPR at its first cycle.

We welcome Barbados' initiatives to promote and protect the rights of migrants, including through the establishment of a Cabinet Sub-Committee on immigration and the intention to have a fully revised and comprehensive migration policy. In this regard, we would like to inquire on the progress made concerning the migration policy, and the Government's efforts to expedite means and ways to consider acceding the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Mr. President,

Indonesia commends the promulgation of the Transnational Organised Crime (Prevention and Control) Act which *inter alia* criminalises and penalises the offence of trafficking in persons, and the establishment of a National Task Force for the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons. This shows the Government of Barbados' commitment to combat trafficking in persons. We **recommend that Barbados step up their efforts in this regard.**

We welcome the establishment of a reform committee by the Bureau of Gender Affairs to review the existing Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act, in order to address the gaps in the legislation and ensure the rights of victims. In this regard, we **recommend Barbados to implement the committee's recommendations, including the inclusion of a gender sensitive and victim-centered approach in the legislation.**

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Barbados in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels.

Thank you.