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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Barbados, led by H.E. R. Orlando Marville, and thank for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia would like to commend Barbados for its commitment to upgrade the Ombudsman's Office in with relevant international standards as well as to revise its Constitution and update its legislation to conform to its treaty obligations. Noteworthy is also the increased net enrolment ratio in primary education. My delegation has also noted the educational programmes for the prevention of HIV/AIDS launched in Barbados's comprehensive National Policy on HIV/AIDS and also for initiating the 'Technology Services for Blind or Visually Impaired Persons' project in 2011 by the National Disabilities Unit providing support and training to blind or visually impaired persons.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. while acknowledging a de facto moratorium of death penalty with the last execution carried out in 1984, we **recommend Barbados to take steps towards a full abolition of the death penalty, commuting existing death sentences to life imprisonment terms.**
2. **to resolve gender inequality with regards to conferring Barbadian nationality from parents to their children.**
3. **to consider ratification of the third OP to the CRC on a communications procedure.**
4. **to complete the process of the national legislation's full alignment with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including acceding to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

I thank you, Mr. President.

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