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UPR of BARBADOS

Slovenia extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Barbados and thanks them for their presentation. *We appreciate answers to our advance questions.*

We are pleased to note the steps Barbados has taken to promote the empowerment of women in advancement of gender equality. In particular, we welcome the training programmes and awareness raising activities of the Bureau of Gender Affairs aimed at eradicating gender stereotypes.

Turning to recommendations given by Slovenia in the first UPR cycle, we regret that no legislation has been adopted to decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex. *In the absence of such legislation, we would be interested to know what steps have been taken to protect LGBTI persons from harassment, discrimination and violence?* We **recommend** that Barbados introduces measures to promote tolerance and non-discrimination of these persons.

With further regard to our previous recommendations, we remain concerned about corporal punishment as a legitimate sanction in Barbados' law. We **recommend** adopting measures to eliminate corporal punishment.

Finally, we **recommend** that Barbados, as a party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, fully aligns its legislation with international obligations under the convention.

Thank you.