

*Armenia's Statement-Dominica UPR*

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Dominica to the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR. We value the efforts directed towards the promotion of human rights in the country, particularly the right to education, the rights of persons with disabilities, women's rights and the right to health. However, we note that Dominica has not yet ratified a number of core international human rights instruments. Armenia would like to stress the importance of the universal ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We commend Dominica's efforts directed towards the realisation of the right to education in the country. We are happy to note that the enrolment ratio in primary education increased. Armenia hopes Dominica will further include human rights education and awareness-raising programs in school and university curricula as part of its efforts to promote human rights in the country.

We also welcome the improvements in the statistics relating to right to health, such as the decrease in the number of under-five mortality rate, and that the total proportion of the population using an improved drinking water source is quite high.

Armenia has 2 recommendations for Dominica

- 1) To accede to the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and
- 2) To promote human rights education and capacity building in the country.

In conclusion, Armenia wishes Dominica success in its 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

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