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Mr President,

We warmly welcome the delegation from Dominica and acknowledge the country’s ongoing cooperation with the UPR.

We wish to commend Dominica’s recent progress toward decriminalisation of consensual same-sex relations.

New Zealand **recommends** that Dominica:

1. Fully operationalize the revised Domestic Violence Act and raise public awareness amongst key and vulnerable populations of the protections available under the Act.
2. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and
3. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol.

We thank the delegation of Dominica for its participation today and wish them a successful review.

Thank you Mr President.