**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Australia and commends its engagement in the UPR process. We appreciate the updates provided in the National Report and here today, on what is being done by the Government of Australia to promote the enjoyment of human rights by all.

Barbados recommends that Australia:

1. Continue to promote measures in combating racial discrimination, xenophobia and prejudice, particularly against members of the indigenous community and religious and ethnic minorities.
2. Further promote efforts to protect all children and provide them with better access to childhood services.
3. Develop policies to strengthen the promotion and protection of the rights of women, especially women from indigenous communities.

We commend Australia’s comprehensive legislative framework that criminalises human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices including servitude, forced labour, and deceptive recruiting for labour or services in any industry, and exploitation within intimate relationships.

Thank you Mr. Vice-President.