**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of St Lucia and commends its engagement in the UPR process. We appreciate the updates provided in the National Report and here today, that emphasise its commitment to strengthening human rights protection of its citizens and those within its borders.

We commend St. Lucia’s efforts generally, as reflected in the ratification and/or accession to various human rights instruments in an effort to broaden its national human rights protection.

Barbados recommends that St. Lucia:

1. Continue to promote and develop both regional and national responses to mitigate the impact of climate change.
2. Further advance the implementation of the recommendations, accepted from the second universal periodic review, to address violence against women and domestic violence.
3. Maintain its commitment to social protection initiatives, particularly as it seeks to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you Mr. Vice-President.