**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Mauritania 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 Mauritania to promote the enjoyment of human rights by all.

We note, for instance, that the Government of Mauritania has expanded the legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights and has progressed in terms of the number and quality of laws adopted.

Barbados recommends that Mauritania:

1. Maintain its commitment to improving enrolment and attendance of children at the primary school level.
2. Reinforce efforts aimed at improving the quality of drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, particularly in schools.
3. Continue to advance the enjoyment of human rights by addressing discrimination and violence against women and girls - in keeping with the recommendations of CEDAW.

Thank you Mr. Vice-President.