**Permanent Mission of Barbados**

**Statement Delivered at the Universal Periodic Review of Solomon Islands**

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Thank you for giving me the floor.

Barbados welcomes the delegation of the Solomon Islands.

We recognise the challenges confronting the country, notably the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges threaten to slow down or, even, reverse progress made in the area of human rights on behalf individuals, households and businesses and throughout the country.

Barbados is aware of the unprecedented implications for human rights due to the global health, social and economic emergency resulting from the pandemic. Travel and tourism, for instance, is among the most affected sectors - with a massive fall of international demand given global travel restrictions to contain the virus.

Consequently, we recommend that the Solomon Islands:

1. Continue to apply human rights principles as it seeks to implement its COVID-19 recovery.

We wish the Solomon Islands a successful review. I thank you.