**Permanent Mission of Barbados**

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**at the**

**Universal Periodic Review of St Vincent and the Grenadines**

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Madam President,

Barbados warmly welcomes the delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and appreciates the additional information provided today.

We commend the constructive engagement of St Vincent and the Grenadines throughout the UPR process. In this regard, we note the pragmatic steps that being the Government is taking to ensure the well-being of persons in the country, in light of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the impact of natural disasters and the climate crisis.

Barbados recommends that St Vincent and the Grenadines:

1. Continue to raise awareness of climate change and environmental issues by promoting access to information, public participation and environmental justice.
2. Strengthen measures to ensure address violence against women and girls
3. Advance efforts to strengthen social protection and alleviate poverty.
4. Request technical assistance from regional and international agencies to conduct training, and the collection and analysis of data to enable the systematic implementation of human rights commitments.

We wish St Vincent and the Grenadines a successful review.

I thank you Madam President.