**Permanent Mission of Barbados**

**Statement Delivered at the Universal Periodic Review of Seychelles**

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Madam President,

Barbados warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname and appreciates the additional information provided today.

We commend the commitment of Suriname to addressing domestic violence. In this regard we note the attention given by Suriname, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic, to the issue of domestic violence as demonstrated in the implementation of the project “Gender Based Violence (GBV) interventions in response to COVID – 19 measures”.

Barbados recommends that Suriname:

1. Continue to address domestic violence and promote efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls.
2. Advance efforts to raise awareness regarding equal opportunities and responsibilities for men and women, in order to abolish discrimination on the basis of gender and encourage greater representation of women in positions of responsibility.
3. Deepen measures to ensure the enjoyment of the right to an adequate standard of living by promoting decent work.

We wish Suriname a successful review.

I thank you.