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Thank you, Mr. President.

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Iceland to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

Barbados commends the Government of Iceland for the many positive steps it has taken towards increasing the protection of human rights over the last several years and for its recognition that there is still room for improvement, since new challenges to human rights protection are continually arising.

We also acknowledge the fact that the focus of Iceland has been directed at the interplay of human rights and matters concerning the environment and climate change.

Barbados offers the following recommendations:

1. Continue to create, adopt and implement comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation;
2. Continue to ensure a comprehensive implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
3. Further strengthen education policy to ensure that all persons are provided with equal opportunities to obtain quality teaching, to increase literacy and lessen withdrawal from upper secondary schools.

Thank you Mr President.