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**Statement of Barbados**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Barbados welcomes the high-level delegation from Togo to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today. We commend the commitment of the Government of Togo to implementing the recommendations received from previous UPR sessions.

Barbados also welcomes the measures taken by the Government of Togo, in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, to take urgent and medium-term measures, in line with its “Response, Resilience and Recovery” strategy. We commend these measures as they minimise the negative impacts of the pandemic and ensure the exercise of individual and collective freedoms and the enjoyment of political, social, economic and cultural rights.

Barbados offers the following recommendations:

1. Continue to increase access to education, to improve the quality of teaching and training and to enhance the performance of the education system;
2. Continue to strengthen policies and programmes that promote productive employment and decent work.
3. Raise awareness on the rights of the child and continue to provide the relevant actors, for example, through a national policy on child welfare, with a guiding reference framework on child protection.

Thank you Mr President.