**Check Against Delivery**

**UPR of Venezuela - Statement of Barbados
Dr Ricardo Kellman - Counsellor
Permanent Mission of Barbados
25 January 2022**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Barbados welcomes the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and appreciates the national report and updates provided.

We recognise the commitment of the Government of Venezuela to protecting the rights of the people as demonstrated in efforts to combat inequality and reduce poverty.

Barbados recommends that Venezuela:

1. Continue to strengthen national mechanisms for follow-up and implementation of international human rights recommendations, through broad-based inter-institutional and multi-stakeholder consultation mechanisms, that are accessible to all;
2. Continue to develop policies and programmes that protect the rights of children and adolescents.

The effort of the Government of Venezuela to obtain and distribute the medicines, supplies, equipment and vaccines needed to guarantee the population’s right to health, is also commended.

We wish Venezuela a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.