**40TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mister President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the presentation of their National Report.

Brunei Darussalam recognises the achievements of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in socioeconomic areas such as education and health in spite of the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, we commend the country’s efforts towards ensuring access to university-level education, including persons with disabilities.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam proposes two (2) recommendations:

1. To continue to provide resources and develop strategies for the achievement of greater access to higher education, especially for persons with disabilities; and
2. To carry on stepping up efforts to ensure that its citizens fully enjoy good health, including mental health and access to healthcare and support.

Mister President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela a successful conclusion of its UPR session.

Thank you.

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