**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 41st Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Ecuador**

**Statement by Barbados**

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Thank you, Mr President

Barbados welcomes the engagement of Ecuador in the Universal Periodic Review process. We recognise the ongoing impact of COVID-19, weather related disasters and the acceleration in the cost of daily necessities in the country.

Barbados believes that the strengthening of democratic institutions and ensuring participation in social and economic development are fundamental to the promotion and enjoyment of human rights in Ecuador.

Barbados recommends that Ecuador:

1. Continue to address Gender-based violence against Women and implement protocols on the provision of care for the prevention of violence against women.
2. Advance policies to promote sustainable resource use, climate change mitigation and ecosystem conservation.
3. Allocate appropriate resources to ensure universal birth registration and promote the rights of children and adolescents in rural areas.

Thank you.