Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Bahamas and thanks it for its National Report.

We commend the Bahamas for human rights developments since the last UPR review. In particular, we note the progress made towards combatting violence against women and strengthening the anti-human trafficking system, aiming to protect victims and guarantee their access to medical, social and legal services.

Lithuania wishes to offer the Bahamas the following recommendations:

* One, continue efforts towards the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Institution, in compliance with the Paris Principles*.*
* Two, consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and introduce a moratorium on the death penalty as the first step towards its abolition.
* Three, strengthen efforts to effectively implement all initiatives to combat discrimination of women and girls.
* Fourth, continue enhancing the protection of the rights of the child, in particular to ensure every child’s right to nationality and citizenship.

Lithuania wishes the Bahamas a successful review.

I thank you.