Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

We acknowledge Barbados’s progress since the last UPR, in particular the *Fully Accessible Barbados* initiative for the integration of persons with disabilities and measures taken to improve the protection of the rights of the child.

Lithuania wishes to offer Barbados the following recommendations:

* One, enhance 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 to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty as the first step towards its abolition.
* Three, continue efforts for preventing, combating and monitoring all forms of violence and abuse against women and children.
* Four, take measures to prevent child abuse and to end corporal punishment of children, and continue efforts to educate the population on the negative impact of such punishment.
* Five, take measures to increase women’s representation in public sector and in decision-making positions.

Lithuania wishes Barbados a successful review.

I thank you.