**43RD SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF THE BAHAMAS**

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**STATEMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks the Bahamas for the presentation of its National Report.

We commend the country’s achievements in protecting its human rights and fundamental freedoms, which are core elements of social and economic development.

Brunei Darussalam recognises the importance of climate resilience and adaptation, and we particularly note the establishment of the Climate Change and Environmental Advisory Unit and the enactment of the Disaster Risk Management Act, which deals with matters related to climate change and disaster preparedness respectively.

Moving forward, we propose two recommendations:

1. Strengthen the country’s capabilities in preventing, mitigating and managing climate-related disasters; and
2. Incorporate the participation of the youth in climate change dialogues.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes the Bahamas a successful review.

Thank you.

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